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The 94-foot tall, 45-foot wide Christmas tree at Brickstone Square features 20,000 multi-colored lights and 750 bows, balls and bells. Other types of holiday entertainment at Brickstone Square include Santa's Village, complete with a petting zoo. Santa's Village is open every weekend through Dec. 24. Call Brickstone's event hotline at 749-3008 for further information.

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Officials puzzled over what to do to help prevent suicide

By Don Staruk

The Andover Community Action Committee, formed last spring in the wake of the suicides of three Andover teen-agers, asked selectmen last month to appoint a steering committee that would develop programs aimed at preventing teen suicide in town. But it doesn't appear any appointments will be made soon.

"At this point, I really am not clear with what's going on," Selectman Larry Larsen said last week.

"I'm having the same problem," said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

Dr. Larsen said there is some question as to whether the steering committee is a viable approach to the problem.

"I'm one of those who is not sure," he said.

On Nov. 21, Ron Branning, a member of the committee and a parent, made a presen-

tation to selectmen to update board members on what the committee has been doing for the past six months, and to ask for the appointment of the steering committee. The outline of recommendations he presented to selectmen was pretty much the same thing he presented to the School Committee in July.

Mr. Stapczynski said he does believe there is a role for the steering committee. He said he is unclear what its responsibilities would be once appointed.

"I'm looking forward to meeting with Ron to flush out the details on the report he gave," and to see if selectmen can be helpful in fulfilling the role the committee has set for itself, Mr. Stapczynski said.

Mr. Stapczynski said he thought the committee's report was excellent, showed a good

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Swan song on Fosters Pond

By Don Staruk

A swan that apparently was frozen in the ice of Fosters Pond Tuesday morning gave Andover firefighters an opportunity to practice ice-rescue procedures, but managed to free itself and evade capture.

The police department received numerous calls Tuesday morning about a swan that seemed to be frozen in the fresh ice on the pond. Wayne Nader, the town's animal control officer, convinced Deputy Fire Chief



Firefighter Matt Burke fell in Fosters Pond Tuesday while trying to save a swan.

Lisa Adelsberger photo

Robert Boush to take advantage of the situation to practice ice rescues, and Firefighter Matthew Burke was sent out on the thin ice to attempt to free and, if possible, capture the swan. The swan was a short distance from shore at the White Oak Drive end of the pond.

Firefighter Burke ended up breaking through the ice, but was not in any danger as he was wearing a "dry suit" designed for use in icy waters. But the swan, possibly vexed by all the commo-

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Spotlight on Chapter 766, Special Needs

Second in a series that will run from time to time on special-needs students in the Andover public schools. This week, the series covers the numbers: programs costs and students.

LOOKING AT CHAPTER 766



The numbers: Balancing act

By Alix Driscoll

Educating special-needs students is a sensitive subject. If you complain that just a few students cost thousands of dollars of the

students, especially those who go to school out of town.

Tuitions for out-of-town special-needs students range from \$11,294 to \$20,035 to \$49,320. In all, it costs Andover \$1.2 million for out-of-town special-needs students.

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Andover resident is the new chaplain at MIT

By Kevin Dolan

Rudyard Kipling once said, "Them that asks no questions isn't told a lie." For some, it is a credo to live by. For the Rev. Jane Gould of Andover, however, it is not a philosophy she espouses.

As the recently ordained Episcopal chaplain at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ms. Gould finds herself serving in a unique role. For one, she is the first full-time female Episcopal chaplain at any college or university in Boston or Cambridge. Secondly, as part of her duties as Episcopal chaplain, she has inherited the directorship of the MIT's Technology and Culture Forum, which, according to Ms. Gould, is "the only voice that raises a moral question about science and technology" at an institution best known for its scientific and technological disciplines.

Ms. Gould began her ministry at MIT on Aug. 1 and was officially instituted into her chaplaincy with a religious ceremony on Dec. 7.

As director of the Technology and Culture Forum, she raises questions to stimulate dialogue about issues in science and technology and their potential ramifications on society. Some of the forum lectures she has been



The Rev. Jane Gould

involved with recently have included discussions about the atomic bomb as well as misconduct in research.

"I absolutely believe I am where God calls for me at this moment," said Ms. Gould. "The ordained ministry has allowed me to teach an awareness of justice. It compels its leaders to be prophets and pastors, and for me, it's very important that my life include the prophetic and the pastoral. This position allows me

to do everything that matters to me and to call it work."

It is a job at MIT that she assumed from the Rev. Scott Paradise, who retired last summer after 16 years as Episcopal chaplain. Rev. Paradise, who grew up in Andover while his father served as a faculty member at Phillips Academy, was an articulate advocate for justice and a questioner, according to Ms. Gould.

"At MIT, Scott was a prophet with incredible integrity, and for 16 years he spoke out on moral and ethical concerns within the institute," Ms. Gould noted. "His leadership allowed the Technology and Culture Forum to become institutionalized."

As one of her goals, she hopes to build on the foundation that Rev. Paradise and his predecessor, the Rev. John Crocker, laid as moral and ethical questioners. Likewise, she hopes other women will follow the course she is helping to set in the church.

"The symbol of women in leadership roles is important," said Ms. Gould. "I hope that my role at MIT would help encourage more women to seek out positions of leadership in

the (Episcopal) diocese."

Ms. Gould has enjoyed the early challenges she has faced since beginning her ministry at the renowned Cambridge school.

"It's been great. MIT is definitely a new world for me," Ms. Gould explained. "Even having gone to a university (Stanford University) that is known for its scientific and technological pursuits, there is a difference between a university that teaches science and technology in a liberal arts setting and a technical institute."

"MIT has an intensity of focus. It is striving for perfection and to be the best. There is nothing wrong with being the best, but perfection is not ours to achieve, and striving for it is generally debilitating because it can't be achieved."

Yet the pressure for students to succeed at MIT can be damaging because of the unrealistic expectations that are sometimes placed on them.

It is here where she hopes to achieve another of her goals - broadening outreach at MIT, particularly to the undergraduates

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Applications due Dec. 24 for senior vouchers

Applications are being accepted until Dec. 24 at the Senior Center for the new tax voucher program for Andover seniors 60 or over and disabled persons.

Homeowners will contribute 100 hours of community service in a municipal or school department at the rate of \$5 per hour for a total of \$500. A voucher received upon completion of the 100 hours will be applied toward the property tax bill.

For more information, call Sharon Souza, coordinator of Senior Services, Andover Council on Aging, at 470-3830.

Nomination papers are available

Nomination papers for the annual town election, to be held March 27, are available at the town clerk's office.

The offices available for this year are moderator, two seats on the School Committee, two openings on the Board of Selectman and one opening on the Housing Authority.

For information, call the town clerk's office at 470-3800.

Blood drive features a chance to give twice

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Thursday, Dec. 22, from 2 until 8 p.m. at Christ Church, 25 Central St.

When persons give blood at this drive, they will have the opportunity to write a personal holiday greeting on a gift tag for a sick child. There is no cost to the person writing the tag. Called the "Buddy Bear Campaign," the group will deliver bears with blood donor's messages to a child in a local hospital's pediatric unit.

For further information or to schedule an appointment, call Nick Angelos at 475-0436.

April Town Meeting warrant closes Jan. 9

The warrant for the annual Town Meeting scheduled for April 10, 11 and 12, will close Monday, Jan. 9, at 4:30 p.m.

Warrant article forms are available at the town clerk's office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For information on the process of filing a town meeting article, call the town clerk's office at 470-3800.

New computer? Donate used computer

Andover residents who are buying new computers may wonder what to do with the one they are currently using. The Andover Fund for Education (AFE) suggests they consider donating their replaced computers to the Andover public schools. In this cooperative project, supported by the Andover schools' technology committee and endorsed by office of the superintendent, AFE will serve as the clearinghouse. The Andover Fund for Education is a nonprofit organization that seeks to improve the quality of public

education by funding classroom projects beyond the reach of the school system budget.

The schools wish to acquire only Apple-based computers, particularly Macs, and need machines to be in good working condition. Anyone donating a computer will not only make an important contribution to the community's education efforts but will also earn a significant tax deduction. Call AFE board member Bill Kane, at 475-5041, to arrange for pick up.

Townsmen lists two early news and ad deadlines

The Townsman will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2, since Christmas and New Year's both fall on Sundays. That means there will be early deadlines for news and display ads for the issues dated Dec. 29 and Jan. 5.

News and ads will be due Friday, Dec. 23, for the Dec. 29 issue, and Friday, Dec. 30, for the Jan. 5 issue.

Classified ads will be due for both issues at the usual time: Tuesday at noon.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 15

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, 8 p.m., 160 Main St., Haverhill.

Shawsheen School Council, 7 p.m., Shawsheen school, teachers' meeting room.

MONDAY, DEC. 19

Board of Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., third floor, town offices, Bartlett Street.

Board of Health, 6 p.m., second floor, town offices.

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

766 Evaluation Task Force, 5:30 p.m., second floor, school administration building, Whittier Court, behind town offices.

School Committee, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, second floor, school administration building.

Conservation Commission, 7:45 p.m., third floor, town offices.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

Technology Committee, 7 p.m., second floor, school administration building.

Quote, unquote . . .

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The Rev. Jane Gould, page 2

The issue is, we need a dramatic change in the way the Senate does business, and that means new leadership."

Senator John O'Brien, pages 4, 39

I think that makes it a town issue. It's really up to the community to take it and run with it."

Mark McQuillan, former superintendent of schools, talking about the issue of teen suicide, pages 1, 80

Everything has a price tag. Why meet and talk about stuff if you can't do anything about it?"

Bill Fahey, town youth coordinator, page 80

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Rep. Coon, Sen. O'Brien to take the raise

But they don't like the process

By Don Staruk

Neither state Rep. Gary Coon, R-Andover, nor Sen. John D. O'Brien Jr., D-Andover, like the way legislators went about giving themselves a pay raise last week, but both will take the money.

"Whatever the pay is set at for the job is what I'll receive and accept," Rep. Coon said last week, prior to Gov. Weld's signing the wage package.

"I did vote in favor of the raise. I do think a raise after 12 years is merited," Sen. O'Brien said this week.

Rep. Coon said he was against a lame-duck session of the Legislature voting the pay raise and that he had filed a bill that would have prevented it.

"I voted against it," Rep. Coon said. "Because I felt we should not be taking up this issue during a lame

duck session. I felt it would be better to wait until the next legislative session began, so we could get public input on this matter."

He also said he wasn't sure about the amount of the raise.

One of the reasons he was trying to delay the pay issue until the next session was so there would be time to discuss it and to look at the numbers to see what amount of raise was justifiable. He said that, up until last week, he had spent more time on the process than the amount of the raise.

"The level that it should be set at is something that I wanted more input on," Rep. Coon said.

There has not been a legislative raise since 1982, and he wanted to look at factors such as inflation, compensation in other states and changes in the cost of living.

No deals

Sen. O'Brien said he was not happy with the manner in which the raise was obtained if, as he said it appears, a deal was struck between the governor and the leaders of the Legislature, tying the pay raise to the capital gains tax cut, which was passed by the Legislature a day earlier.

"I don't know if it was a direct deal, but I think it was pretty darn close," Sen. O'Brien said.

Legislators gave themselves a 55 percent pay hike two weeks ago, Dec. 2, boosting their pay from \$30,000 to \$46,400 a year, rushing a bill through the House and the Senate and putting it on Gov. Weld's desk for a signature in just two days.

But Gov. Weld then delayed signing the bill until last Thursday, the day after legislators approved two tax-cutting measures he has been after for years, including the capital gains tax cut.

If a deal was made with the governor by Senate and/or House leaders, exchanging

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Tim Thomas talks of a longer school day

By Neil Fater

Tim Thomas, Andover High School principal, gave his annual state of the school address Monday, outlining the strengths of the school, its future plans and some of his concerns.

The High School will undergo major changes in the next two years as it copes with the effects of the \$26.5 million school construction project and the mandates from the state's 1993 Education Reform Act.

"It appears that a lengthening of the school day is imminent," Mr. Thomas said, because the state has determined secondary school students must spend 950 hours annually in core

academic subjects, an average of 5.5 hours per day. Students currently attend High School a total of six hours and five minutes per day, including 40 minutes for lunch and time to walk from one class to another. [See related story on page 7.]

Speaking before a small group of parents and teachers, Mr. Thomas talked about some of the school's activities, including a community-service program he described as "the envy of the entire state."

Students raised \$1,500 for Bread & Roses and Lazarus House at their second annual Powder-Puff football game this fall, and approximately

\$9,000 at the first-annual, student-initiated 24-Hour Relay Challenge last June. The latter funds are being allocated in the form of mini-grants to the Committee for Inter-generational Activities, according to Mr. Thomas.

As part of the CIA program, a group of students and a group of senior citizens went caroling at

Academy Manor Nursing Home Wednesday, Dec. 14, he said.

The average class size at Andover High is 21.7 students per teacher and 82 percent of last year's seniors went on to four-year colleges, said Mr. Thomas.

Last year's class had an average combined score of 975 on the SAT

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State of the school

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with 99 percent of students taking the test. According to the Massachusetts Teachers Association, 79 percent of the state's high-school graduates and 42 percent of America's graduates take the SAT.

Mr. Thomas said AHS had 33 Advanced Placement scholars last year, an impressive number of students who received passing grades on three or more AP tests.

The school's mentor program, which links students with Andover-based companies, has been expanded to include 20 student-mentor pairings this year.

However, the principal does see room for improvement in other academic areas.

"I am concerned with the education (that) students not going to college receive and how we can better serve those students," he said.

Mr. Thomas said Tuesday that "a partnership with the vocational school is certainly something that deserves serious attention." Andover schools looked at this program over the summer and Mr. Thomas said students already have applied to it. He said he hopes this program will start at the beginning of the third term, Feb. 1.

After lauding the recent accomplishments of academic, artistic and athletic groups, Mr. Thomas said that "one of the biggest problems with the student activities, the club activities, is the time crunch." Many clubs meet after school regularly because only one period per

month is set aside for members to congregate. In addition to those who meet after school for other reasons, more than 800 different students are also student-athletes.

"I think I'm becoming more aware of this each year, the importance of athletics on education," said Mr. Thomas. "It can be devastating to kids who don't make the team."

Mr. Thomas advised parents to be sensitive to students' failures and to get involved at the school and in their children's academic and other lives.

Status of the bra-waving case

After his address, James Krasnoo, a member of the Parent Advisory Committee, asked the principal about the status of the case involving Yvonne Nicoletti, the student who waved a bra while standing on the rock in front of the High School.

Mr. Krasnoo suggested that Mr. Thomas line up a group of students willing to testify that Ms. Nicoletti disturbed the school day with her actions. Ms. Nicoletti's defense attorney will likely try to make this a case about freedom-of-speech, rather than disturbing-the-peace issues, said Mr. Krasnoo. Having a list of students, as well as the list of teachers the police have already asked for, will be "a weapon in your arsenal," he said.

Mr. Thomas was tight-lipped about the incident saying, "That's the police's case and it's not something we're involved in prosecuting."

A court date is scheduled for Jan. 12.

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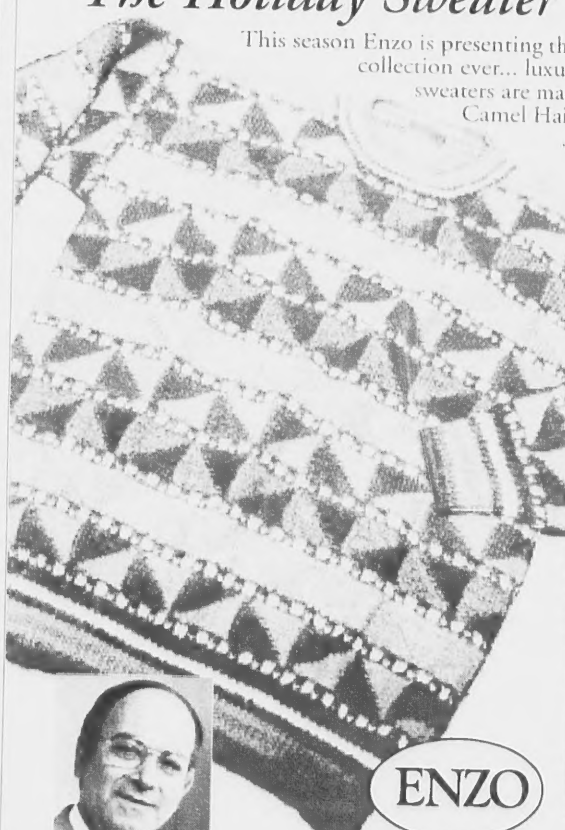
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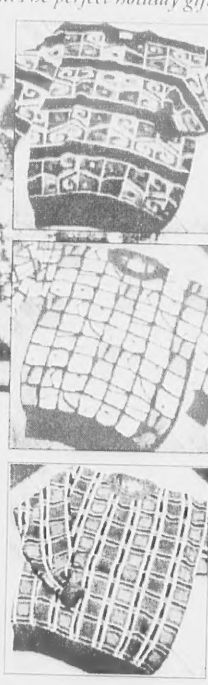
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Longer school day may be just around the corner

By Neil Fater

Beginning in the fall of 1996, students at Andover High School may have longer school days, longer classes and less time to eat lunch.

Those are some of the options Massachusetts schools are considering because of a state mandate that secondary school students must spend 950 hours in core academic subjects annually, according to Tim Thomas, Andover High School principal.

That means High School students must spend an average of 5.5 hours in the classroom per day. Because their first class begins at 8 a.m. and their last class ends at 2:05 p.m., Andover High students may currently appear to spend six hours and five minutes in class.

However, during the day, students also spend 40 minutes at lunch, some sit in study halls for a period, and all have a few minutes between each class to walk from one room to another.

"Unless there is some miracle on how to have a school day without passing time or lunch, it appears that a lengthening of the school day is imminent," said Mr. Thomas, during Monday's state of the school address. "It (the state mandate) definitely

will impact every single high school in the Commonwealth."

According to Mr. Thomas, in order to reach the 5.5 hours per day, officials may consider:

- Lengthening the school day;
- Reducing lunch time from 40 minutes down to 25; and/or
- Having longer, but fewer classes per day to cut down on the amount of time lost as students shuffle from one room to another.

Lengthening the school day would have an impact on the teachers' contract that Andover officials are currently negotiating.

The School Committee has not seriously discussed the effects of the mandate yet, because the specifics of the mandate continue to change, said Dick Neal, interim superintendent of schools.

"We've gotten so many different policies from the Department of Education," said Mr. Neal. "Until we see exactly what is adopted it's tough to do any real planning."

The current policy allows each school system to determine what courses can be considered part of the core curriculum, mandating only that study halls and lunch periods not be includ-

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Tim Thomas, Andover High School principal

ed. An earlier proposal also excluded health and physical education classes from consideration.

Although middle school students will also have to spend an average of 5.5 hours per day in core curriculum courses, both Mr. Neal and Mr. Thomas do not expect there to be as large a problem at Doherty and West middle schools.

"Actually the middle schools are going to be in better shape than we are - or you would think they're going to be - because they don't have study halls," said Mr. Thomas.

Elementary school students must spend 900 hours per year in core curriculum classes, an average of five hours per day, under the current state plan.

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Jo-Anne Gibson

Jo-Anne Gibson of Andover has been named field supervisor for HomeCare Inc.

Ms. Gibson is responsible for the case management and coordination of private clients. She will oversee the intake of referrals and the clinical supervision of HomeCare Inc.'s private duty nursing staff. Ms. Gibson will also assist with the coordination of flu clinics offered through the Merrimack Valley by HomeCare and with the continued expansion of HomeCare's private duty nursing services.

Ms. Gibson received her nursing degree from Northern Essex Community College in 1992 and is currently attending Merrimack College for her BA in business administration. She has previous experience as a charge nurse on the Telemetry Unit at Holy Family Hospital.

Ms. Gibson lives in Andover with her husband, Scott Gibson. She is the daughter of Jayne and Joseph Iarrobino, also of Andover.



Jo-Anne Gibson

Sandra Herskowitz

Sandra Herskowitz, MSW, LICSW, division director for Casey Family Services in Andover, was a workshop leader for the Massachusetts Association for Professional Foster Care's eighth annual training conference held Oct. 21-23 in Boston.

Ms. Herskowitz's workshop, "Long-Term Foster Care: Is There a Place for it?" examined the goal of long-term foster care as a permanent plan for some children.

Casey Family Services, a private, non-profit organization, provides long-term foster care for children whose family situation prevents them from living with their birth parents, but who are not free for adoption.

Charles Zappala, Wendy Perkins and Douglas Howe

The Methuen and Andover offices of the Prudential Howe Real Estate recently attended the annual meeting of the Greater Lawrence Board of Realtors at Indian Ridge Country Club.

Charles Zappala, Wendy Perkins and Douglas Howe, all of Prudential Howe, were recognized as past presidents of the realtor membership.

Joan Lewis

Joan Lewis of J. B. Doherty Associates was awarded "Relo Agent of the Year" by Paul McNulty, president of the Boston Metro RELO Group, for having had the highest number of RELO sales.

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Joan Lewis

Donald W. McNemar

Donald W. McNemar of Boston has been named to the board of trustees at

Northfield Mount Hermon School, a 115-year-old, independent, college-preparatory school in Northfield.

Mr. McNemar served as headmaster of Phillips Academy from 1981 through June 1994. He was an associate professor of government at Dartmouth College from 1969-'81 and served as associate dean of the faculty for social sciences from 1978-'81.

The Ohio native is a 1965 graduate of Earlham College and earned a master of arts and a Ph.D. in politics from Princeton University in 1971. He was a Danforth Fellow at Princeton from 1965-'69, a member of a nationwide scholarship program for teaching and research that provided four years of graduate study for 120 students each year.

A trustee of Earlham College, he has been a member of the board of the Quaker United Nations Committee and BayBank's Merrimack Regional Board and is listed in Who's Who in America.

Dr. McNemar met his wife, the former Britta Schein, at the Northfield Mount Hermon summer school in 1966 when they were both teaching fellows there. They have two daughters, Galen, 17, a senior at PA, and Heather, 20.



Donald W. McNemar

Jonathan M. Samel

Jonathan M. Samel, CIC, president and treasurer of Samel Insurance Agency Inc. in Andover and Brentwood, N.H., was awarded the Pacesetter Agent of the Year Award by the Professional Independent Insurance Agents of Massachusetts. Mr. Samel was honored for his industry leadership and his work as games director

for the Unified Sports Tournament held by PIAM's official charity, Massachusetts Special Olympics.

Mr. Samel graduated from Tufts University with a bachelor of science degree in engineering. He holds the professional designation Certified Insurance Counselor and is a member of the national Society of Certified Insurance Counselors. He purchased his family's agency in 1987 and relocated the agency from Lawrence to Andover in 1988. The agency's book of business has increased by more than 500 percent since 1987.

Mr. Samel is a member of the Lawrence Rotary Club and runs its adopt-a-school program. He is a volunteer for the Lawrence school system's Read Aloud program.



Jonathan M. Samel



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Maureen Mano and Josephine Siraco

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Analucia Schliemann

Analucia Schliemann of Railroad Street has joined Tufts University's arts and sciences faculty as an assistant professor of education on the Medford/Somerville campus.

Ms. Schliemann was an associate professor of psychology at the Universidade Federale de Pernambuco in Recife, Brazil, and a senior researcher for the National Science Foundation of Brazil. Since last fall, she had been a visiting researcher at the Technical Education Resource Center in Cambridge while on leave.

Her scholarship focuses on the understanding of mathematical reasoning by children and adults in and out of school settings. Her work on "street mathematics" has been internationally recognized in the fields of education and psychology for its contributions to understanding the development of mathematical reasoning in non-school settings. Ms. Schliemann is the author or co-author of more than 60 publications in Brazil and the United States, and has presented papers at more than 50 national and international conferences since 1980.

She received her doctorate in psychology from the University College in London in 1980, after which she became a Fulbright scholar at the Learning Research and Development Center at the University of Pitts-



Analucia Schliemann

burgh.

She is teaching courses in human development and learning, psychological studies in education and research methods. She will work closely with the teacher education and school psychology faculty programs, and will serve on a faculty committee that will be designing the new Ph.D. program in education in psychology and school psychology.

Joseph B. Cartier

Joseph B. Cartier has been named vice president for major gifts and planned giving at Merrimack College.

Mr. Cartier has been the director of a multi-million-dollar fund-raising campaign at Babson College since 1992. He was also associate director of major gifts in Boston College's development office and director of special gifts during the college's 1989-'92 campaign.

He was Boston College's acting director for annual giving, associate director for leadership giving and assistant director for annual giving.

The new Merrimack vice president is a graduate of Boston University. He and his wife, the former Julie Seymour of Andover, live in Nashua, N.H., with their 2-year-old daughter, Courtney.

Julie Bernardin

The Medford Cooperative Bank recently announced the election of Julie Bernardin, former resident of Lawrence and Andover, to its board of directors.

Ms. Bernardin continues a long family tradition of service in the banking industry. Her late father, Fernand A.



Julie Bernardin

Bernardin, an attorney in Lawrence and Andover, and her brother, David F. Bernardin, a real estate and probate attorney in Andover, provided many years of service to the former Community Savings Bank in Lawrence as legal counsel and members of the board of trustees. Her aunt, Edmee, served as secretary to the president of the bank for approximately 37 years. Her uncle, Rene

Bernardin, former state representative, served on the board of Essex Savings Bank for 31 years.

Ms. Bernardin serves on the corporate board of directors of Fidelity House Inc. in Lawrence. She lives in Wakefield. She is the principal of JB Consultant Services, a training, career counseling and small business consulting firm in Medford.

Ms. Bernardin is a graduate of St Augustine's Grammar School (Tower Hill), St. Mary's High School (Lawrence), Emmanuel College (Boston) and Boston University (M.Ed.).

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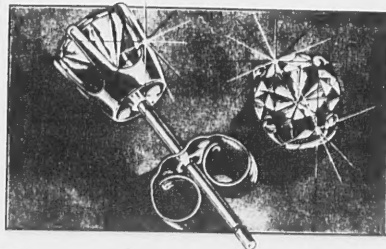


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VNA announces new staff

Home Health Foundation, located at 1 Union St., has some new staff members:

Donna Zygmunt

Donna Zygmunt recently started at VNA HomeCare as a physical therapist. She will provide in-home therapy to patients in the Merrimack Valley area. Ms. Zygmunt has previous experience as a physical therapist at rehabilitation hospitals in the area. She lives in Salem, N.H., with her husband, Jeffrey, and children, Erik and Greta.

Stanley Jankowski

Stanley Jankowski started as a certified home health aide for Merrimack Valley Hospital. He is currently studying nursing at Lowell Vocational Technical High School and is chairman of the Boy Scouts of America Committee, Troop 39, Newburyport. Mr. Jankowski lives in Newburyport with his wife, Deborah, and two children, Tony and Paige.

Susan Adam

Susan Adam, R.N., recently joined the nursing department of VNA HomeCare. She has previous nursing experience at the Lowell Community Health Center and lives in Dracut.

Shefali Kumar

Shefali Kumar, R.N., recently started in the nursing department of VNA HomeCare. She has had experience in orthopedic and geriatric nursing. Ms. Kumar lives in Nashua, N.H.

Bruce Kater

Bruce Kater, R.N., recently started in the nursing department of VNA HomeCare. He previously worked in the critical care department at Lawrence General Hospital. Mr. Kater is from Lawrence.

Pamela Greenwood

Pamela Greenwood, R.N., started as a nurse on the I.V. Team at VNA HomeCare. She had worked in local hospitals and health centers. Ms. Greenwood lives in North

Andover with her husband, James, and children, Jeremy, Julie and Andrew.

Shannon Waller

Shannon Waller of Danville, N.H., recently started as a home health aide for VNA HomeCare. She will provide in-home services to patients in the Merrimack Valley area.

Corlis Cabrera

Corlis Cabrera of Lawrence

joined the home health aide department at VNA HomeCare. She has prior experience in the nursing home setting.

Michelle Eaton

Michelle Eaton started as a home health aide for VNA HomeCare. She has previous experience caring for patients and in nursing homes. Ms. Eaton lives in Seabrook with her 3-year-old son, Mason.

Two area doctors to speak in Cairo, Egypt

Doctors Ossama E. Sakr and Liam J. Hurley, of Northeast Urologic Surgery, P.C., North Andover and Salem, N.H., have been invited to speak in Cairo, Egypt, this month on "New Modalities in Diagnosis and Management of Urologic Problems."

Dr. Hurley lives on Elm Street.

Dr. Sakr, Dr. Hurley and their colleagues, Dr. Charles R. Burke and Dr. Steven R. Provite, have academic appointments at Boston University and operate out of Lawrence General and Holy Family hospitals.

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Dispatcher gives CPR over phone

By Don Staruk

New public safety dispatcher Ben Perry said he felt like he earned his pay one night last week when he helped save a 1-year-old baby by giving CPR instructions to the child's grandmother over the phone.

At 8:51 p.m. last Saturday, Dec. 10, police received a call from Ann Davies, of Cardinal Lane, who said her grandchild, Shannon Davies, was not breathing.

Dispatcher Perry gave Ms. Davies instructions in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) while she relayed them to her husband and her son, who actually performed the CPR.

"She was relaying instructions perfectly," Dispatcher Perry said Monday. In the meantime, Wanda Batchelder,



Public safety dispatcher Ben Perry looks pleased talking about his recent CPR lesson by phone.

Photo by Don Staruk

the other dispatcher on duty, sent emergency medical technicians and police officers James Reilly and Cecilia Blais to the home.

By the time police and EMTs arrived, the baby had been revived.

"She was breathing and crying when they got there," Dispatcher Perry said.

Mr. Perry said the grandmother did

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CPR by phone helps save baby

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great until after it was over.

"As soon as the EMTs got there, she just broke down and started crying," he said.

He later called Holy Family Hospital and learned the baby fell and may have suffered some type of seizure, and that the baby was by then doing fine.

Mr. Perry said that after it was all over, he took a walk outside for some fresh air, then returned to work.

He said it was a big night for himself, but that it was also a big night for Firefighter Jackie Lynch, who only recently earned her EMT certification and for whom that call was her very first on her first night on the ambulance. William Loehr, her partner, worked on the baby at the home.

Mr. Perry served as a dispatcher in the

"I definitely earned my pay that night."

Marines until 1988, then took a variety of civilian jobs before becoming a dispatcher on Cape Cod in 1989. He worked in Mashpee and Yarmouth before moving to North Andover where he was a dispatcher for 10 months before coming to Andover part time this summer. He was hired full time here in October.

Mr. Perry's wife, Dolne Divino-Perry, works in public safety at Phillips Academy.

A trained emergency medical technician himself, Mr. Perry took a two-day training seminar at Powerphone Inc. in Connecticut, which focused on procedures for responding to emergency calls. He keeps the Powerphone manual on how to respond to emergency calls in the dispatch area for himself and other dispatchers to use in these situations, and he used it Saturday night.

"I definitely earned my pay that night," he said.

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Police officer Cronin injured in crash

By Don Staruk

The first call motorcycle Officer Bob Cronin received in the hospital after crashing his motorcycle on North Main Street last Thursday was from a student at St. Augustine's School, where Officer Cronin had run safety programs.

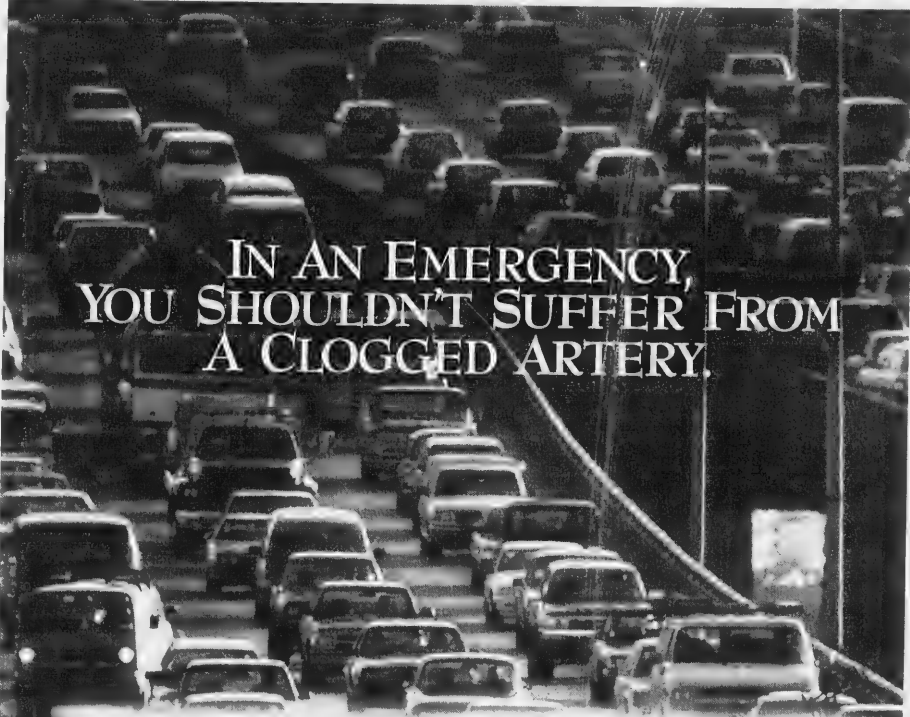
"He has a lot of visibility," Sue

Cronin, Officer Cronin's wife, said this week.

Officer Cronin, 39, was injured last Thursday afternoon when his motorcycle collided with a car on North Main Street. He suffered two broken wrists and has bruises all over his body, but was released from Lawrence General Hospital over the

weekend and is recuperating at home, according to his wife. He has a cast up to his armpit on his right arm, and a splint on his left arm with pins through the bones holding his left wrist together.

"He really can't do much for himself right now," Ms. Cronin said



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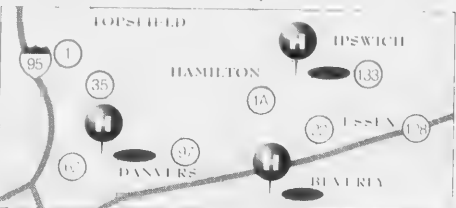
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Alleged robber caught

By Don Staruk

Andover detectives kept their streak alive Monday night when they arrested a Merrimack man accused of robbing five banks in the last two months, including the Shawmut Bank in Shaw-shen Plaza on Nov. 4. The arrest makes the detectives eight-for-eight, having solved all eight

bank robberies that have occurred in Andover in the last seven years.

Ruben Dos Santos, 48, formerly of 6 River Road, Merrimack, was arrested at a girlfriend's apartment in Peabody after a stakeout by Andover detectives and a special agent with the Fed-

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Andover Police Detectives Donald Pattullo, left, and James Hagerty, right, lead Ruben Dos Santos out of the police station Tuesday morning en route to Lawrence District Court.

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Laura Walsh, daughter of Robert and Margaret Walsh of Andover and a member of the class of 1996 at Skidmore College, has been elected to Periclean, Skidmore's academic honor society.

Organized in 1956, Periclean stimulates intellectual curiosity, encourages creative activity and honors academic achievement. Seniors whose cumulative grade point average is 3.4 or more (out of a possible 4.0) and juniors whose cumulative average is 3.6 or more are eligible for membership.

Rebecca Barry of 6 Rachel Road will participate in Union College's winter term abroad program in Cuernavaca, Mexico. The 1992 graduate of Andover High School is a history major at the college in Schenectady, N.Y.

The curriculum will include courses in economic development of Mexico, Mexican civilization and the Spanish language studied abroad. Students live with a family and participate in the normal cultural life of the community. Courses taken during this term apply toward graduation requirements.

Elizabeth Farnham Nawn, formerly of Andover, recently graduated from the Institute of Legal & Medical Professions Inc. with a degree in court reporting.

Elizabeth Farnham Nawn Ms. Nawn has accepted a position with an agency in Melbourne, Fla., as a deputy official court reporter.

She is the daughter of Robert H. and Beverly Farnham Sr. of Haverhill.

Ms. Nawn has also been appointed to the board of trustees and advisory committee for the Institute of Legal & Medical Professions Inc.

Andrew C. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Brown of Andover, has enrolled as a first-year student in the Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Mr. Brown graduated with honors from Andover High

School, where he was president of the National Honor Society and a recipient of the Charles A. Gregory award for leadership, scholarship, citizenship and athletic achievement. He was also a member of the first-year orientation committee, student advisory council and varsity basketball and soccer teams.

Nicholas J. Costello Northern Essex Community College students who are temporarily short of cash will now have a new resource thanks to former state Sen. **Nicholas J. Costello**.

Mr. Costello has donated more than \$3,000 to the college to establish the Nicholas J. Costello Student Assistance Fund.

The funds will be administered through the college's financial aid office and will be available for short-term loans of up to \$300 to cover books, tuition or fees.

"The goal is to help students who might be considering leaving school because of financial difficulties," said Mr. Costello. "My hope is that this fund will complement the fine scholarship program which the college now has in place."

Mr. Costello has been president of the Northern Essex Foundation, which solicits money to provide student scholarships and a Sunday afternoon performance series, for three years.

Students can apply for funding from the Nicholas J. Costello Student Assistance Fund in the college's financial aid office.

Bentley College student Jennifer Cavicchi of Andover serves as the assistant academic coordinator to the adviser of the Bentley College Service-Learning Project.

The Bentley College Service-Learning Project (BSLP), from which she received a grant, began in 1989, when an economics class was assigned to visit a local shelter. Today, BSLP involves more than 1,000 students from various disciplines. While gaining business experience, the students are also given the opportunity to contribute to their community.

Last year, Ms. Cavicchi was the coordinator and host of the third annual community service luncheon, and now works closely with Lexington High School to implement a community service program.

Ms. Cavicchi, an accountancy major in her junior year, is co-chairperson of the Student Service-Learning Committee and a member of the Emerging Leaders program. She is the daughter of Paul and Victoria Cavicchi.

Dianne Clendaniel, program director of College of the Atlantic's Natural History Museum in Bar Harbor, Maine, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Richard Clendaniel of Andover, attended an "Introduction to Public Programming" workshop in Washington, D.C., last week. The program is sponsored by the Office of Museum Programs of the Smithsonian Institution. The Natural History Museum has been awarded a technical assistance grant from the Institute of Museum Services to help underwrite Ms. Clendaniel's stay in Washington. The grant includes follow-up support to implement new programming ideas and strategies at the Natural History Museum.

The week-long program is part of a new series of workshops in basic museum operations designed for small, emerging, minority and rural museums in the United States.

Ms. Clendaniel is the only representative from a Maine institution and is one of 18 museum personnel in attendance from as far away as Hawaii.

She has been program director of COA's Natural History Museum since 1991. She oversees such educational outreach programs as Whale-on Wheels and Summer Field Studies for Children, which held a 10th-year celebration this past summer.

Northern Essex Community College's student newspaper, NECC Observer, has taken first place in a national competition for the fourth straight year. The newspaper received the National Pacemaker Award, the college press equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize, at the annual Associated Collegiate Press/National College Media Convention held recently in New Orleans.

The award is given to the college newspaper showing leadership in its news cover-



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age, reporting and photography. The *Observer* came out on top in every category. **Joseph T. LeBlanc** is the faculty adviser for the newspaper.

The newspaper also walked away with every other major award, including first place in the Best of Show category.

The *NECC Observer* is a biweekly newspaper published 16 times during the school year. Staff members are NECC students, primarily majoring in liberal arts with the journalism broadcast option. However, the entire student body is encouraged to submit articles for publication.

Staff members include **Laura McKellar**, assistant adviser. Ms. McKellar is a former special sections editor of the *Townsmen*.

Max Dawson of Andover participated in a community volunteer project as part of the new-student orientation pro-

gram at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, where he is in his first year.

Mr. Dawson helped survey and clear land along the banks of the Androscoggin River for the Androscoggin Land Trust. The agency works to promote public understanding of the region's natural resources as well as assist communities in balancing preservation and development.

Mr. Dawson was one of dozens of Bates students who conducted projects in cooperation with a half-dozen nonprofit agencies. The program was organized by the volunteer coordinator's office at Bates.

The Andover High School graduate is the son of **Adrian and Mollyliba Dawson** of 7 Belle Isle Way.

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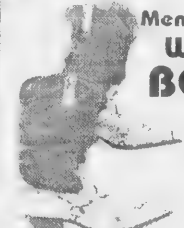


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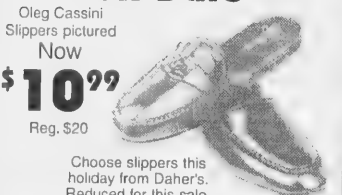
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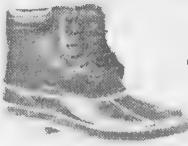
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Andover High was the setting for a workshop on Growing Up Taking A Stand (GUTS). From left are Anne Marie Paonie, AHS; Jennie Vandenburg, Chelmsford; Eric Denis, AHS; Lisa Sobach, Haverhill; Kelly Anne Lynch, Haverhill.



Photos by Jen Peck

Christine Anderson of AHS, Kristina Giacalone of Haverhill, Andrea Marvin of AHS, guidance counselor Mike Marcoux, and Jamie Cistoldi of AHS participate in the GUTS workshop.

Growing Up Taking a Stand meets at AHS

By Jen Peck

Andover High School was the meeting place for a recent workshop called Growing Up Taking a Stand (GUTS). Students in this group sign a contract stating that they will abstain from all types of drug and alcohol use. In GUTS, it is accepted and praised that individuals have chosen not to drink or use drugs.

The workshop was under the direction of Mike Marcoux, a guidance counselor at Andover High.

Among the participants were guidance counselors, teachers, and students from Chelmsford and Haverhill. They attended the

workshop hoping to develop or improve on the GUTS concept at their own schools.

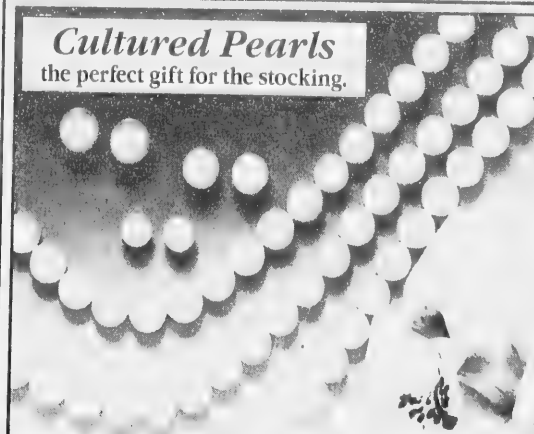
Andover High students discussed the variety of signatures on their GUTS banner, which is displayed in the school foyer. Signatures belong to members of AHS sports teams, the honor society, drama club, and other groups. This range of students gives GUTS its diversity - and its strength.

There was also discussion about future activities and the goals that the students hope to achieve. These students really have grown up and taken a stand.

Jen Peck, a student at Andover High, is a photography intern at the Townsman.

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pilot certificate from the University of North Dakota's aviation department in Grand Forks, N.D. He successfully completed all academic and flight-lab requirements as established by the Federal Aviation Administration and the university.

"Each certificate or rating is a challenge to attain here at the University of North Dakota and Marcel should be commended for his achievements," said a spokesperson for the university.

The Duke University Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa recently initiated 80 undergraduates, graduate students and recent graduates into the national scholastic honorary fraternity.

Fall initiates included **Andrew M. Frankenberger** of Andover.

Jannette Gray of Andover, a student at Northern Essex Community College, is studying abroad this semester as part of the college's Overseas Academic Program.

The liberal arts student is attending the University of Sevilla in Sevilla, Spain. She is a graduate of Andover High School and the daughter of Ken and Donna Gray. Ms. Gray plans to attend a four-year institution after graduation.

Catherine Mary James, daughter of David and Marianne James of 5 Hartford Circle, graduated from Boston University's School of Management in August with a master of business administration degree, with a concentration in accounting. She studied under the sponsorship of Price Waterhouse, Boston, in the accelerated master's of business administration program at Boston University.

Ms. James graduated cum laude from Tufts University, Medford, in 1993, with a B.A. degree in economics and in French. The 1989 graduate of Andover High School is employed by Price Waterhouse, Boston.

Christopher Lembo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas P. Lembo Sr. of 57 Lovejoy Road, is studying at Trinity College Rome campus for the fall semester. Mr. Lembo is a member of the class of 1996 at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. The economics major is a graduate of Andover High School.

Julie Monahan, daughter of Peggy and John M. Monahan of Bannister Road, has become a member of the University of Massachusetts chapter of Golden Key.

Golden Key is a national academic honor society formed to recognize and encourage

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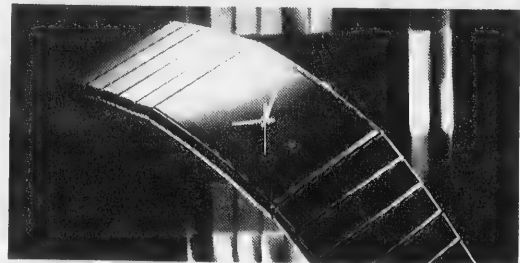
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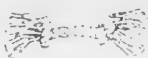
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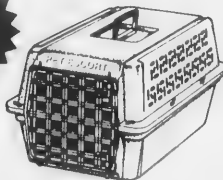
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Rep. Gary M. Coon (front row, center of photo), R-Andover, and Rep. Bradley J. Jones Jr. (not shown), R-North Reading, recently hosted the eighth-grade American history class of Saint Augustine's School. The students, visiting the Statehouse as part of their studies in American government, were brought into the chamber of the House of Representatives, where Rep. Coon and Rep. Jones discussed the legislative process and answered questions. The Statehouse offers tours on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about tours, call Rep. Coon's office at (617) 722-2489.

Andover students named to Who's Who

The following is a list of students from Andover featured in the 28th annual edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*:

Christopher Addesa, Steven Andreadis, Cristina Babine, Cory C. Bishop, Katie C. Browne, Jessica D. Casey, Sara Gail Cooper, Anthony B. Crawford, Lisa E. Crowley, Beth Cummins, Philip A. D'Agati, Mona El-Sheikh, Marc Escott, Philippe A. Farhi, Timothy P. Foley, Jjais A.V. Forde, Jennifer A.

Ghiloni, Sarah Goldin, Rebecca Gordon, Trace Grant, Rolanda S. Green, Adam H. Greene, David Hong, Jennifer Huang, Marcie Jacobson, Tamika C. Jones, Stacy Kangisser, Tara J. Kavanagh, Julia Kim, Elizabeth M. Klausmann, Peter Kolchinsky, Brian Kwon, Alexander J. Leary, Courtney D. Lewis, Gregory N. Litchfield, Daniel Lounsbury, Patrick K. Mang, Andrea Marino, Brian Marshall, Michael J. Morris, Joshua P. Murphy, Akilesh Palanisamy, Francis V. Paone III, Melissa A. Pino, Michael Plummer, Archana Poddar, Keith H. Putnam, Raheela Qureshi, Timi Ray, Jamie E. Rubin, Holly N. Sayess, Michael A. Scarpulla, Aaryn Schmuhl, Kevin Sharkey, Fluto Shinzawa, Andrew Shulman, Maximillian C. Soong, Sushant Srinivasan, Kathryn A. Sumberg, Joanne Tao, Masiar M. Tayebi, Erin E. Walshe, Meaghan K. Watt, Joel M. Williams, James A. Woodroffe, Yuki Yakushijin, Eveline Yang, Heejin Yoon

3 named to headmaster's list

William C. Hankey, Peter A. Bernardin and David J. Carroll, all of Andover, were named to the headmaster's list at St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, for the 1994-'95 first quarter.

Andover students named to honor roll

Fellowship Christian Academy in North Andover announced its honor roll for the second quarter.

The following Andover students were named to the list.

High honors: Grade 12, Holly

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A biblical history course, conducted where that history was made, will be offered by Merrimack College next summer.

Warren Kay, religious studies professor at Merrimack, will lead the study tour June 30 to July 15 through Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, the Dead Sea region and Athens.

The course is aimed at those interested in the historical roots of the western intellectual tradition and the history and geography of the biblical world. It is being offered through Merrimack's Continuing Education Division.

An marine natural history course will be held on Appledore, the Isles of Shoals, N.H., May 23-30. The course will present an overview of marine science, focusing on the biology of intertidal marine organisms, the island's natural history and the effects of human activity on the marine environment. Larry

Kelts of Merrimack's biology faculty will lead the course.

Merrimack's Continuing Education Division offers a wide range of courses and programs, including a new paralegal studies program and degree programs in business administration, computer science, engineering and ministry.

The new continuing education semester begins Jan. 23 and runs to May 13. Classes meet once a week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 6 to 8:45 p.m. or 6:45 to 9:30 p.m., or Saturday from 9 to 11:45 a.m.

A continuing education open house will be held Thursday, Jan. 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the college library's Arundel Room. Continuing education staff will discuss programs, registration and application procedures and transferability of previously earned college credit.

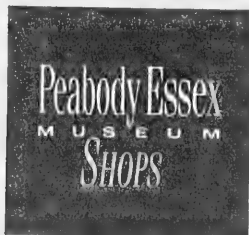
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Local girl wins Mensa baking contest

The Boston chapter of Mensa, the national high-IQ society, announced that Alice Jones of Andover has won its first annual "Hester" award for excellence in baking. Alice is a fourth-grader in Elly Seavey's class at South

School. She loves to cook and bake and enjoys flute lessons and Girl Scouting. Her winning entry was Seven Layer Bars, a rich confection of chocolate, coconut, butter-scotch and nuts. Her recipe follows (see box).

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools Dec. 19-23:

Elementary Schools

Monday: Baked macaroni with cheddar cheese sauce, green beans, wheat bread and butter, fruit cup, milk or juice.

Tuesday: Hamburger or cheeseburger on roll, french fries, ketchup, carrot and celery sticks, apple- crisp, milk or juice.

Wednesday: Pancakes with hot maple syrup, sausage patty, applesauce, fruited Jell-O with whipped topping, milk or juice.

Thursday: Chicken cutlet on roll, mayonnaise, sliced carrots, potato chips, cake with frosting, milk or juice.

Friday: Meatball sub with tomato sauce, corn, potato sticks, orange wedges, milk or juice.

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and

a pizza lunch are available daily.

Middle schools

Monday: Hamburger or cheeseburger on roll, potato chips, sliced carrots, fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday: Steak sub with choice of peppers, onions and

cheese, wax beans, fudge brownie, milk.

Wednesday: Taco boat with meat stuffing, lettuce, tomato and cheese, corn, pudding with whipped topping, milk.

Thursday: Cutlet sub with tomato sauce and cheese,

green beans, apple crisp, milk.

Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, french fries, celery sticks, chilled pears, milk.

A pizza lunch or manager's special is available daily.

All menus subject to change.

Winning recipe for Seven Layer Bars

By Alice Jones

Ingredients:

½ cup butter
1½ cups graham cracker crumbs
1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup butterscotch chips
1½ cups flaked coconut
½ cup chopped pecans
1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk

Melt butter and stir in crushed graham crackers. Pat crumb mixture evenly in bottom of an ungreased 13x9x2 pan. Layer, in order: chocolate chips, butterscotch chips, coconut and pecans. Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over everything. Bake in 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Cool and cut into bars. Makes 36.

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Den 9 Cub Scouts from Sanborn School toured the *Townsmen* office last Thursday, seeing first-hand how a newspaper is produced. Scouts in the front row are Brett Herlihy, Chris Zonghetti and Ryan Harb; middle row, Stephen Draheim and Chris Booty; back row, Giancarlo Fusco.

SCHOOLTALK

Students at **South Elementary** this fall learned positive methods for solving disagreements through a PTO-sponsored performance by actor **Jim Vetter**. In his show, called "Everybody Wins! Solving Problems Without Fighting," Mr. Vetter performed skits and acted out students' responses to questions about why we get angry, what we do to make fights worse, and how we can fix a disagreement. Spicing his performance with liberal doses of humor, he taught the children that they have choices when conflicts arise: "You can pick what you do when these problems happen. Some actions can make things better; some make them worse."

Student volunteers acted out a short argument. First, they used Mr. Vetter's list of conflict-builders to escalate the conflict. Then, with the help of the student audience, they used his list of problem-solvers to work out their disagreement. With fun and a little foolishness, Mr. Vetter gave even the youngest student a lesson in "Fighting Fair" and a few techniques that can ultimately help them prevent violence and retain friendships.

Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody has announced its honor roll for the first quarter. The following Andover students have been named to the honor roll:

First honors: Seniors **Kristi Lyman** and

Carolyn Ragone; junior **Jeffrey Zia**; sophomore **Michelle Ponikvar**; and freshman **Devon Lyman**.

Second honors: sophomore **Aimee Doldard**.

Danny Lombard, an Andover resident, was recently recognized for being on the honor roll for the entire 1993-'94 academic year at Belmont Hill School, an independent day school for boys in grades 7-12.

Gregory C. Buia, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Buia, and **Nicholas Sung**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bing Sung, both Brooks School students from Andover, have been named Commended Students in the 1995 National Merit Scholarship Program. Letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corp., which conducts the program, have been presented by the school to the two seniors.

About 35,000 Commended Students throughout the nation have been honored for their exceptional academic promise. They placed among the top 5 percent of more than a million students who entered the 1995 Merit Program by taking the 1993 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test. Although the qualifying test scores of

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Ms. Monahan is a member of the class of 1996 majoring in consumer studies. The dean's list student graduated from Andover High School in 1992.

Eric Magnuson, son of Sharon Magnuson of 4 Old South Lane, has earned his master's degree in sociology from UCLA. Mr. Magnuson graduated from Phillips Academy in 1987 and from Brown University in 1991 with highest honors. He taught college in Poznan, Poland, for the 1991-'92 school year. Mr. Magnuson plans to receive his doctorate in sociology at UCLA.

Thomas J. Schnorrenberg, son of Karen D. and F. Thomas Schnorrenberg of Colonial Drive, has become a member of the University of Massachusetts Amherst chapter of Golden Key.

Golden Key is a national academic honor society that recognizes and encourages outstanding scholastic achievement in all fields of study. Membership is by invitation to juniors and seniors who have maintained at least a 3.5 cumulative average on a four-point scale.

Mr. Schnorrenberg is a philosophy major and participates in the honors program. He graduated from Andover High School in 1992.

Robert L. Shapiro Jr., son of Maria G. and Robert L. Shapiro Sr. of Haggetts Pond Road, has been elected alumni chairperson of Mortar Board at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Mortar Board is a national senior honor society dedicated to service, leadership and scholarship, with a focus on women's issues. The Isogon Chapter was founded at UMass in 1955. Members are selected on the basis of essay responses and willingness to commit to the organization's ideals. Students must be in their junior year, rank in the top 15 percent of their class, and be invited to apply.

Members and officers will volunteer their time and labor to various non-profit organizations.

Mr. Shapiro, a member of the class of 1995, is majoring in psychology. He is a member of the Golden Key and Psi Chi honor societies, and is an Eagle Scout.

One hundred and ten undergraduates, including two from Andover, are participating in internships as part of their undergraduate education at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.

Robin Leary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Leary of 80 Spring Grove Road, is participating in an internship at Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine of West Hartford, Conn. Ms. Leary, a member of the class of 1995, is majoring in neuroscience. She is a graduate of Middlesex School.



Eric Magnuson

Matthew Orlando, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Orlando of 4 Belle Isle Way, is participating in an internship with the brokerage firm of Smith Barney. Mr. Orlando is a member of the class of 1995, majoring in economics. He is a graduate of Andover High School.

More than 60 percent of Trinity students vary the normal classroom pattern by taking on internships in Greater Hartford. Internships are a form of independent study that combine supervised field-work activity with traditional academic inquiry, under the direction of a Trinity faculty sponsor. Internship opportunities are available with private and public agencies, educational and health institutions, business and industry organizations, and other groups in the Hartford region.

Omar H. Khan and Leah M. Bonner, first-year students at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., are members of the Vassar College Chorus. Mr. Khan is a tenor; Ms. Bonner is an alto.



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Mr. Khan, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. Akmel Khan, is a graduate of Phillips Academy.

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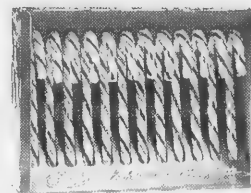


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Honors: Leslie Adams, Jennifer Kirsten Ambro, Kristen Joanne Andersen, Susannah Marie Araujo, Stephanie

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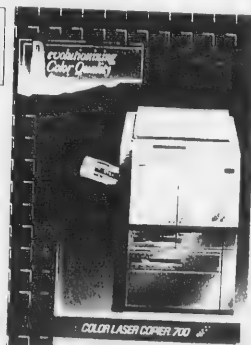
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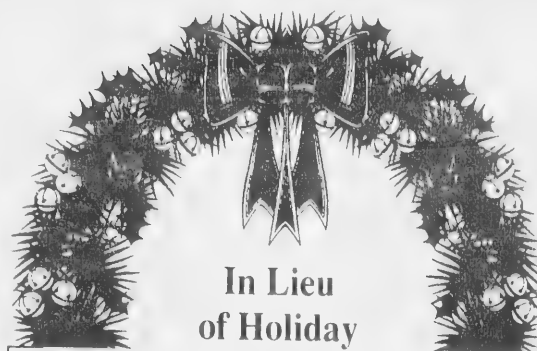
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Christ Church Children's Center plans open house

Christ Church Children's Center will hold an open house for prospective parents for the 1995-'96 school year Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. It is an opportunity to meet the teachers and learn about the program.

The center has programs for children 2 years 9 months (by Sept. 1)

through 5 years old. Morning and after noon programs and an extended day option are offered.

Christ Church Children's Center has been serving Andover and sur-

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ties for more than 25
years and is accredi-
ted by the National
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tion will take place
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Mistletoe for the holidays

Cub Scouts from Pack 77 will sell mistletoe Saturday, Dec. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of Andover Savings Bank and Old Town Hall.

The mistletoe, tied with a red ribbon, will be sold in a plastic bag for \$1.

Proceeds will go toward Cub Scout activities.

Rick Goldin in concert

Rick Goldin will perform in a children's concert Thursday, Dec. 29, during school vacation week, at 1 p.m. at Doherty Middle School.

Children will be entertained with singing, storytelling, puppet shows and rhythm instruments.

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of Teaberry Lane, is a volunteer tour guide for the Saint Michael's Student Admission Association. Ms. Walsh is a sophomore psychology major at Saint Michael's, located in Colchester, Vt.

The tour guides welcome prospective students and their families to the college and give tours of the campus and its facilities. They also share their personal experiences as a student at Saint Michael's.

A student from Andover is the recipient of an award at the University of Maine in Orono.

Amanda Wilson, daughter of Walter C. Wilson III of Tynsboro and Kathryn D. Wilson of Andover, received a tuition waiver presented to the most outstanding scholars entering UMaine as first-year students.

Ms. Wilson graduated from Andover High School, where she was named a National Inter-scholastic Swimming Coaches Association Academic All-American. She also received the Andover Sportsmen's Club Scholarship and Andover High swimming and diving sportsman-

Student is commended

Paul J. Auffermann of Andover, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Auffermann, is one of 22 members of the class of 1995 at St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers to have achieved commendation status in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

The students' performance on the qualifying test places them in the top 5 percent of students tested.

ship award.

Christopher E. Brouady, son of Gertrude and Erich Brouady of Woburn Street, has become a member of the University of Massachusetts Amherst chapter of Golden Key.

Golden Key is a national academic honor society that recognizes and encourages outstanding scholastic achievement in all fields of study. Membership is by invitation to juniors and seniors who have maintained at least a

3.0 cumulative average on a four-point scale.

Mr. Brouady is an economic and geography major and a member of the Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity. He graduated from Andover High School in 1990.

Several Andover students star in upcoming Pingree Children's Theatre Troupe performances

The Pingree Children's Theatre Troupe, in cooperation with Pioneer Drama Service, will present the *Twelve Dancing Princesses* this Saturday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. and Monday, Dec. 19, at 10:30 a.m.

Organizers said that audiences of all ages will delight in watching Captain Jonathan solve the mystery of why the princesses wear out the soles of their slippers each evening.

Tickets are \$3 for children and

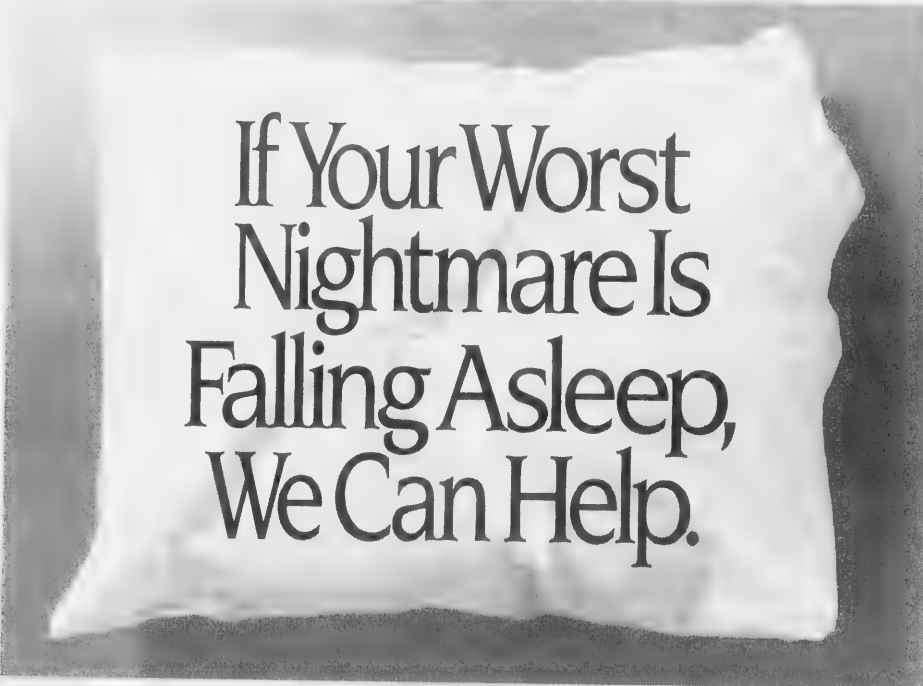
adults. A special discount price for school groups is available. The troupe will provide a curriculum guide with pre-show and post-show activities.

For more information and ticket reservations, call the box office at 468-2194.

Pingree students from Andover involved in this production include Katy Hathaway as Foxx; Lexie Tice as Malicia; Sara Marchessault as Felicia; and Laura Farr as Claudicia.

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Mary E. Nocero



Hilary W. Field and
William P. Whalen III



Elizabeth A. Thomann and
Steven F. Siraco

Climo-Matthews

Diane and Lawrence Climo of Salem Street announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Heather, to Sebastian Harris Matthews, son of Marie Harris and Charter Weeks of Barrington, N.H., and William and Pat Matthews of New York City.

Ms. Climo is a graduate of Phillips Academy and Smith College. She recently completed her M.S.W. and is pursuing a Ph.D. in social work and psychology at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Matthews, a graduate of Pitzer College, has a M.F.A. in creative writing from the University of Michigan. He teaches English and writing, and is a free-lance writer and proof editor in Ann Arbor.

The couple plan a May wedding.

Nocero-Scanlon

Dr. Michael and MaryJo Nocero of Altamonte Springs, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary E., to Timothy J. Scanlon.

Ms. Nocero graduated from Trinity Prep, Villanova University, with a bachelor of science degree, and Boston College, with a master's degree in biology. She is a biology teacher at Lexington High School in Lexington.

Mr. Scanlon is the son of Robert and Margaret Scanlon of North Andover, formerly of Andover. He graduated from Andover High School, Worcester Academy and Villanova University. He is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Key Pharmaceuticals.

The couple plan a May 27 wedding.

Field-Whalen

Attorney and Mrs. Marshall Field of North Tewksbury announce the engagement of their daughter, Hilary Whitcomb Field, to William Patrick Whalen III, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Whalen of Swampscott.

Ms. Field, formerly of Andover, attended Pike School and graduated from Miss Porter's School and Bowdoin College. She received her master's degree in education from Lesley College and is a teacher at North Shore Nursery School in Beverly Farms.

Mr. Whalen graduated from Swampscott High School and Bates College. He is associated with Comap Inc., a publishing company in Lexington.

The couple plan an Aug. 19 wedding.

Thomann-Siraco

Barbara Thomann of 20 Brechin Terrace announces the engagement of her daughter, Elizabeth A., to Steven F. Siraco of Worcester.

Dr. Thomann is also the daughter of the late Charles A. Thomann. She graduated from Andover High School in 1984, Wellesley College in 1988 and UMass Medical School in 1994. The physician is beginning residency in family practice at UMass Medical Center in Worcester.

Dr. Siraco is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Siraco of Chelmsford. He graduated from Chelmsford High School in 1984, UMass Amherst in 1988 and UMass Medical School in 1992. He is an emergency medicine physician at UMass Medical Center in Worcester.

They plan a July 16 wedding.

Turn to the *Townsmen* for social news.

Talk is on foster parenting

Casey Family Services at One Corporate Drive will host an informational meeting Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for those interested in learning more about long-term foster parenting.

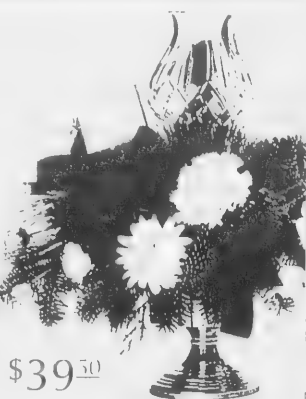
Staff members will provide information about the issues involved in deciding to become a foster parent to school-aged children.

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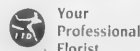
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Robert M. Charland

Sagrestano-Yelle

Montoro and Loretta Sagrestano of Bridgewater-Raritan High School East, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynda M. of Los Angeles, Calif., to Robert A. Yelle of Chicago, Ill.

Ms. Sagrestano graduated from Bridgewater-Raritan High School East. She received a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Duke University and master of arts and Ph.D. degrees in psychology from the University of California at Berkeley. She is doing postdoctoral research in psychology at UCLA.

Mr. Yelle is the son of Louis and Judith Yelle of 5 Shirley Road. The Phillips Academy graduate received an A.B. degree in philosophy from Harvard University and a J.D. degree from Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley. He was a lawyer with Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy of Los Angeles before becoming a graduate student at the School of Divinity, University of Chicago.

The couple plan a July 15 wedding.

Trepanier-Bechtold

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Trepanier of 134 Chestnut St., announce the engagement of their daughter, Maribeth, to Paul K. Bechtold of Portland, Maine.

Ms. Trepanier graduated from Andover High School in 1985 and received a bachelor of arts degree in English from the University of Rhode Island in 1989. She is manager of provider relations with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts in Boston.

Mr. Bechtold is the son of Barbara A. Bechtold of Middleburgh, N.Y. He graduated from Middleburgh Central School in 1979 and received a bachelor of arts degree in communications from Stonehill College in 1983. He is director of provider relations with Healthsource in South Freeport, Maine.

The couple plan a Jan. 28 wedding.

Hersh-Lukaskiewicz

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Hersh of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Sharon, to Robert Paul Lukaskiewicz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lukaskiewicz of Ware.

Ms. Hersh will complete her B.A. and B.S. degrees at the University of Delaware this month.

Mr. Lukaskiewicz received his B.A. degree from Syracuse University in 1992 and completed his master's degree at Villanova University in May. He is teaching at St. Mark's High School in Wilmington, Del.

Ms. Hersh is the granddaughter of Myra Hersh of Baltimore, Md., and the late Abraham Hersh and the late Julius Lasker and Gwen Lasker Yoffee.

Mr. Lukaskiewicz is the grandson of Beulah Patnaude of Ware and the late Arthur Patnaude and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Lukaskiewicz.

The couple plan a June wedding.

Abramson-Charland

Mr. and Mrs. James Abramson of 1 Peppercorn Lane announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy, of New York City to Robert M. Charland, also of New York City.

Ms. Abramson graduated from Andover High School in 1987. She received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Union College in 1991 and is in the M.B.A. program at Columbia University Business School.

Mr. Charland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Charland of 52 Topping Road. He graduated from Andover High School in 1985 and received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from The Citadel in 1989. He is a telecommunications specialist with Xtend Communications in New York City.

The couple plan a May wedding.

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► Babies celebrating their first birthdays, affiliated with Andover, may have their pictures in the *Townsmen* free. They will appear in the issue dated the last Thursday of the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having a birthday this month will be published in the Dec. 29 issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. the previous Friday (Dec. 23).

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The Department of Community Services is sponsor-

ing a Mitten Tree to benefit **Lazarus House**. Replace a candy cane on the tree with a pair of mittens, a hat or a scarf, new or used. The tree is located at the main entrance in town offices on Bartlet Street. Donations will be accepted through next Thursday, Dec. 22. Contact DCS at 470-3800, for more information.

American Express will donate three cents to **Share Our Strength (SOS)**, one of

the nation's larger non-profit hunger-relief and -prevention organizations, every time the American Express card is used. **Kay-Bee Toys, Thom McAn, and Marshalls** have been matching its three-cent-per-card transaction since Nov. 1.

Century 21/McLennan & Co., 85 Main St., North Andover, is accepting donations of new, warm adult socks to benefit the **Daybreak Shel-**

ter. The "just a pair of socks, please" program will continue through Friday, Dec. 23.

The Andover Community **Holiday Blood Drive**, sponsored by the **American Red Cross**, will be held at **Christ Church**, 25 Central St., next Thursday, Dec. 22, from 2 to 8 p.m. Donors will have the opportunity to write a personal holiday greeting on a gift tag, which will be attached to a teddy bear and given to a sick

child at a local hospital by the Red Cross.

Hunneman & Co.-Coldwell Banker announced that UNICEF holiday greeting cards are being sold in its Andover office, located at 6 Park St. All proceeds will benefit the **United Children's Fund (UNICEF)**, a world-wide organization that works with governments and communities to help provide a brighter



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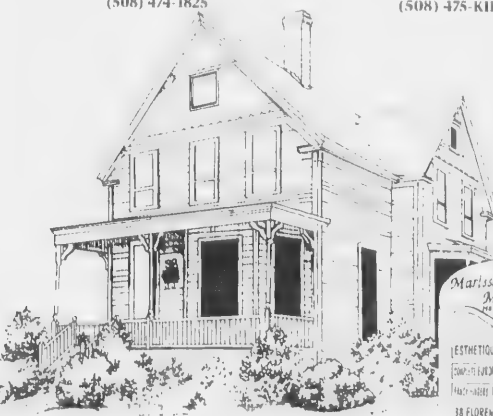
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Shawmut Bank is sponsoring a Holiday Food Drive to benefit the Women's Resource Center and Supportive Care Inc. Donations of non-perishable foods are being collected at the following Shawmut Bank locations: in Andover: Shawsheen Plaza and at 68 Main St.; in North Andover: Route 114 and at 149 Main St.

For the sixth year, Filene's Basement has joined Project Bread in sponsoring Santa's Kitchen. The Youth Group of Andover, along with Temple Emanuel and many others, have handcrafted holiday ornaments from spoons.

These ornaments are available for a donation at Filene's Basement 16 area stores through Saturday, Dec. 24.



Andover resident Robert Everett shows items gathered in a company-wide clothing drive to Kim Smith-Cofield, executive director of the Boston-based Casa Myrna, which is New England's largest sheltering program for battered women and their children. The clothing drive took place at Boston Private Bank & Trust Co. where Mr. Everett is a vice president. More than 155 articles of clothing were donated by the company's employees.



◀ Christ Church Children's Center, 25 Central St., has been collecting new toys to donate to Toys For Tots. The children have been learning about helping others during the holiday season. "This project has been a wonderful teaching tool," said Liz Ellis, the teacher at the center who coordinated the event. She is shown here with several of her helpers.

School lunch menus are on page 22.

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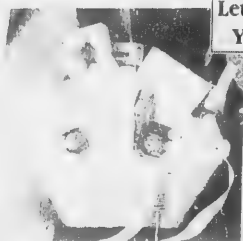
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The Andovers Artists Guild held a holiday art show and sale last weekend at Old Town Hall. Right, Linda Obremski is shown with her *One in the Sun*. She works in pastels, colored pencil and oils. Below left, Paula Dunn, her husband S.H. Jang, and their son, Woo Je Jang, admire Mr. Jang's watercolor. Below, Mike O'Brien of Lawrence and Pat Stevens of North Andover.



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RELIGION NEWS

West Parish Church will present its 18th annual outdoor Christmas Pageant this Sunday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m., when the arch across the street from the church will become the entrance to Bethlehem.

The pageant, which includes live animals, has become part of the Christmas tradition in the area. As Mary and Joseph, shepherds and wise men find their way to the inn, the choir will lead the audience in the carols that tell the story of the birth of Jesus.

The public is invited to attend the pageant and festivities immediately afterwards in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge.

West Parish Church is located at 129 Reservation Road, at the intersec-

tion of Route 133 (Lowell Street) and Shawshen Road. For details, call the church at 475-3528, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18, is the Fourth Sunday of Advent at **Ballardvale United Church**. The children of the church will present a Christmas pageant, "The Heavenly Mailbag," written by Pam Ford and directed by Noni Young. The Candle of Love will be lighted on the Advent wreath.

BrookRidge Community Church will celebrate the Christmas season with the following worship services: this Sunday, Dec. 18, at 10:30 a.m., a musical "Carols of the Heart" will include recording artist Judy Hamilton singing *O Holy Night*. The

BrookRidge Players will present a play entitled *Mistaken Identity*... A look at the Christmas story through the eyes of a park district Christmas production.

Saturday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service with Christmas carols dance and Christmas play for all ages.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at 10:30 a.m., carols and music will celebrate the day.

BrookRidge Community Church is joining with South and Sanborn schools to present Christmas gifts to hundreds of underprivileged adults and children in the Greater Lawrence area.

The church meets at 16 Haverhill St. All are welcome. Child care is provided. For more information, call 682-0302.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation, located at 6 Locke St., will celebrate Wassail Sunday, Dec. 18, at 10:30 a.m. The special intergenerational holiday service will feature three choirs, dancers and children of the religious-edu-

cation program, around the theme of bringing light into the darkness. A Swedish Santa Lucia procession, dancing around the apple tree, a mummies play, solos and anthems will be included.

Mending Hearts is a support group for women who are experiencing or have experienced the loss of a relationship due to separation, divorce or abandonment. Meetings are held each Friday at 7 p.m. at St. Athanasius Rectory, 300 Haver-

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60 Year Old Family Business expanding with Infusion Company - Prescription records transferred to CVS

Andover Medical Supply, originally known as Simeone Pharmacy, will join its Medical Supply Department with Metabolic Health Systems at 1 Elm Square. This joint effort will take place on or about December 19th. All Prescription medicines are now being filled by CVS at their Main Street Store. Mr. Simeone's immediate concern is for his customers, particularly the "Senior Citizens", so they not be confused or worried about the transfer. He stated, "simply call in your refill or prescription to either CVS or myself and that's it! Give the CVS pharmacist time and pick it up there." "Mr. Simeone said he would be available at his own store to answer any questions until the end of the month.

Simeone Pharmacy was founded at the same time that the Simeone Building was built at 2-4 Main Street, in 1933, by Mr. Simeone's grandfather, Paul Simeone. Mr. Simeone said, "I have mixed emotions about the transition. Probably the most traumatic aspect of this move will be missing friendships started by my grandfather, and still being enjoyed today. These folks will always have a special meaning to me. I will be forever grateful and will always cherish the many happy memories of those years."

Metabolic Health Systems (MHS) is an Infusion Company that provides the entire range of

IV Therapies, Enteral Nutrition, TPN'S, as well as a complete line of Hospital Equipment for Homecare. Respiratory and Ostomy services are also a prominent part of their organization. MHS also has facilities in Baltimore, Connecticut, New York as well as Andover. C. William Cody, President and CEO of MHS said, "Informal discussions have been going on for some time and terms were finalized a few weeks ago. I'm very enthusiastic that 'Bud' Simeone and I are going to work together. He brings a unique specialty in patient care. Our registered nurses value his opinion in a multitude of areas, so we are pleased he's agreed to join us."

Mr. Simeone reiterated that the Building is not for sale and a new tenant will start renovations after January 1st. The only "hint" is that it's a New York store with a 40 year impeccable reputation. "We all know that Debbie Lane's Andover Gift Shop is a well organized operation, so hopefully each store will complement the other." He concluded by saying, "We should all be proud of the recovery Main Street has made from the doldrums of the 80's. It's great to see smiling faces and busy stores. I may be slightly prejudiced but I still think Andover is the Greatest town in the world to live in."

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OBITUARIES

Frances FitzPatrick Son lives here

Frances (Ellis) FitzPatrick, 81, of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., died Tuesday, Dec. 6, at St. Joseph Hospital in Minnesota.

Mrs. FitzPatrick was born in East Boston. She had been living in Minnesota for more than 10 years. She had lived in North Andover from 1960 to 1976. Before that she had lived in Natick.

Mrs. FitzPatrick graduated from Regis College in 1935.

Members of her family include her sons, George F. FitzPatrick Jr. and F. Ellis FitzPatrick, both of North Andover, and William J. FitzPatrick of Andover; daughter, Dean F. Illik of Inver Grove Heights, Minn.; sister, Marie McNamara of Sandwich; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of George F. FitzPatrick, who died in 1976.

Services were held Saturday at McCarthy & Sons Funeral Home in Framingham. A Mass was celebrated at St. Linus Church in Natick. Burial was in Holyhood Cemetery in Brookline.

Memorial contributions may be made to Regis College Alumni Association, Regis College, Weston, Mass. 02193.

Edward A. Gustus Sr. Son lives here

Edward A. Gustus Sr. of Somerville died Saturday, Dec. 3.

Mr. Gustus was an Army veteran of World War II.

Members of his family include his sons, Edward A. Gustus Jr. of Allston and Gerald Gustus and his wife, Mary Jo, of Andover; brother, William Fay of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., grandson, James Gustus of Andover; and dear friend, Linda Merrick of Revere.

He was the husband of the late Mildred C. (Rothwell) Gustus and brother of the late Walter Gustus.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 8, from W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home in Wilmington.

Elizabeth A. Prout 1985 Merrimack grad

Elizabeth A. (White) Prout, 73, of 13 William St., died Friday, Dec. 9, at her home after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Mrs. Prout was born in Cambridge. She graduated from Bel-

mont schools and attended Jackson College. She graduated from Merrimack College in 1985.

She attended St. Augustine's Church.

She was a member of John Lester Greene Writer's Group.

Members of her family include her sons, Rear Admiral James G. Prout III of Springfield, Va., Michael K. Prout of Newton and Terence P. Prout of Andover; daughters, Moira K. Prout Grasso of Andover, E. Claire Prout of Portsmouth, N.H., and M. Sheila Prout of Andover; sister, Margaret Jensen of Kansas City, Mo.; 13 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of James G. Prout Jr.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. Augustine Church. Other arrangements were private.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Massachusetts Head Injury Association, 488 Main St., Worcester, Mass. 01613.

Alexander Ritchie Jr.

*Was electrical inspector,
longtime town resident*

Alexander Ritchie Jr., 82, of Sanbornville, N.H., died Saturday, Dec. 10, at The Clipper Home in Wolfeboro.

Mr. Ritchie was born in Lawrence. He had lived in Andover for 63 years before moving to Sanbornville 19 years ago.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1932 and worked in Submarine Torpedo Boat Service until his honorable discharge in 1936. While in the Navy, he joined the Siebert Masonic Lodge in the Panama Canal Zone and transferred his membership to St. Matthews Lodge AF&M in Andover. He was given a 50-year service medal in 1989 by Unity Lodge No. 62 AF&M in Union, N.H.

Mr. Ritchie was an electrician with plant maintenance at General Electric from 1940-1972. He was the electrical inspector for the town of Andover for 20 years, until he retired in 1974.

Members of his family include his daughter, Sandra Delnickas of Ridgefield, Conn.; and grandchildren, Jodi L. MacGillivray of Clifton Park, N.Y., Elizabeth A. Delnickas of Lynn, and Jeffrey T. Delnickas of Danbury, Conn.

He was the husband of Doris E. "Bettie" Ritchie who died in 1981.

A Requiem Eucharist was celebrated Wednesday at St. John

the Baptist Episcopal Church in Sanbornville. Interment was on the church burial ground.

Arrangements were by C.E. Peaslee & Son Funeral Home in Sanbornville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County, P.O. Box 1620, Wolfeboro, N.H. 03894.

Daniel W. Benson Sr. Formerly of Andover

Daniel W. Benson Sr., 76, of Derry, N.H., died Sunday, Dec. 11, at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, N.H.

Mr. Benson was born in Malden. He had lived in Derry for 25 years. He was a former resident of Andover.

He was a former member of Maplewood Baptist Church in Malden.

Members of his family include his wife, Bernice F. (Horsford) Benson of Derry; sons, Daniel W. Benson Jr. of Derry, Ronald A. Benson of Salem, Mass., and Steven W. Benson of Bradford, Maine; daughters, Janice L. Daigle of Derry and May A. Fournier of Hampstead, N.H.; sister, Doris Singer of Malden; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, at 1 p.m. at Peabody Funeral Home, 15 Birch St., Derry, N.H. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery in East Derry, N.H.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Camp Pride, care of the Lions Club, Derry, N.H. 03038.

Lillian Caron Sister lives in Andover

Lillian Odile Caron, 85, of Brevard County, Fla., died Sunday, Dec. 11, at the National Healthcare Center in Merritt Island, Fla.

Mrs. Caron was born in Lawrence. She moved to Florida in 1975.

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She worked at Western Electric Co. in North Andover for 20 years.

Members of her family include her sons, Frank Caron of Danville, N.H., Ronald Caron of Rockledge, Fla., and Paul Caron of Saugus; daughters, Claire Bedard and Janet Cremins, both of Merritt Island, Fla.; brother, Emile Bouchard of Massachusetts; sisters, Germaine Andrews of Methuen and Evelyn Benson of Andover; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was the wife of the late Albert E. Caron.

Burial was in Brevard Memorial Park Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Wylie-Baxley Merritt Island Funeral Home in Merritt Island, Fla.

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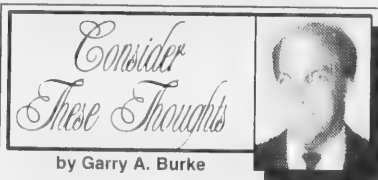
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HINT: One should believe in marriage as in the immortality of the soul.
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OBITUARIES

James Thomson Jr. Worked in parks department; longtime town resident

James Thomson Jr., 77, of Lawrence died Sunday, Dec. 11, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Thomson was born and educated in Andover. He graduated from the former Punchard High School in 1936.

He lived in Andover until he moved to Lawrence 15 years ago.



James Thomson Jr.

Mr. Thomson worked in the town of Andover parks department for 39 years, until he retired in 1987.

He was a staff sergeant in the Army's Fifth Infantry Regiment during World War II and saw action in the New Guinea campaign.

He and his wife, the former Evelyn V. Spinney, celebrated 50 years of marriage on Dec. 9.

Besides his wife, members of his family include his daughters, Martha Zujewski and her husband, James Zujewski, and Barbara Carlo and her husband, Frederick Carlo, all of Beverly; and Gail Thomson of Lawrence; sons, Scott Thomson and his wife, Virginia Thomson, of Dracut and James Thomson of Lawrence; sisters, Martha Gorrie, his twin, and Bella Thomson, both of Andover; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held today, Thursday, at 11 a.m. at Edgerley & Bessom Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St. Private burial will be at a later date in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 1 Union St., Andover, Mass. 01810.

Olive B. Keiser Daughter lives here

Olive B. Keiser, 80, of Syracuse, N.Y., died Wednesday, Nov. 30, at her home.

Mrs. Keiser was born in Buffalo N.Y., and lived in DeWitt and Pompey for many years before moving to Syracuse in 1985.

She graduated D'Youville College in Buffalo in 1935.

She worked for NBC Radio in New York City in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

Mrs. Keiser owned an antique business, Windsong Antiques, for more than 20 years with shops in Pompey and Nantucket Island.

She was a communicant of Immaculate Conception church in Fayetteville.

Members of her family include her husband of 50 years, Dr. John Keiser;

sons, Dr. John F. Keiser Jr. of Silver Spring, Md. and Peter J. Keiser of Bangkok, Thailand; daughters, Maria K. Bartlett of Andover and Gretchen Keiser of Juneau, Alaska; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was said Saturday, Dec. 3, in Immaculate Conception Church. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Utica.

Memorial contributions may be made to Covenant House, 346 W. 17th St., New York, N.Y. 10011; Hospice of Central New York, 1118 Court St., Syracuse, N.Y. 13208; or a favorite charity.

Donald J. Lewis Died on vacation in Aruba

Donald J. Lewis, 58, of 151 Osgood St. died Monday, Dec. 12, while on vacation in Aruba.

Mr. Lewis was born in Boston and raised in Lawrence. He was a graduate of Lawrence High School and Salem State College. He also attended Northeastern University.

He was a certified professional engineer and was president of Associated Testing Laboratories of Burlington.

Mr. Lewis had been previously employed at Fenwell Electronics in Milford and worked at ITT Semiconductors in Lawrence for 10 years.

He was a member of the American Society of Quality Control.

Members of his family include his wife, Susan (O'Neil) Conforti-Lewis of Andover; sons Charles Lewis of Burlington and Scott Lewis of Bradford; a step-daughter, Laura Conforti of Dunstable; a step-son, Kent Conforti of Portland, Ore.; two cousins; and one aunt.

Calling hours are scheduled for today, Thursday, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Farrah Funeral Home, 170 Lawrence St., Lawrence.

Services will be held tomorrow, Friday, at 10 a.m. at Farrah Funeral Home. Burial will be in West Parish Cemetery in Methuen.

Norma Robinson Calling hours are today

Norma M. (Connal) Robinson, 68, of 128 Lovejoy Road, died Monday, Dec. 12, at her home.

Mrs. Robinson was born in Lawrence and lived in Methuen for 26 years. She moved to Andover 3½ years ago.

She attended St. Augustine Grammar School and graduated from St. Mary High School. She also attended Lowell Technical School.

Mrs. Robinson worked for 18 years at Marine Combining Co. as a personnel manager and later in the same capacity at Malden Mills for 15 years until her retirement in 1988.

She was an attendant of St. Monica Church in Methuen.

Mrs. Robinson belonged to the Merrimack Personnel Associates, which worked for the United Way. She was

also a member of the Mothers Guild at St. Augustine School.

Members of the family include her husband of 48 years, William Robinson; daughter and son-in-law, June and Eric Asgerisson of Methuen; brother, James Connal of Plymouth; sister, Ann S. Crawdock of West Barnstable; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Breen Funeral Home, 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

A Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, Friday, at 10 a.m. at St. Monica Church. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Dr. Said El-Sheikh Andover dentist

Dr. Said El-Sheikh, 50, of 12 Hearstone Place, died unexpectedly on Friday, Nov. 25 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital.



Dr. Said El-Sheikh

Family members said that Dr. El-Sheikh accomplished quite a bit in 50 years. He was an "over-achiever" in every sense. His achievements were not solely for himself; they were intended to support his family and instill in his children positive values and a drive for excellence. A devoted Muslim and family man, Dr. El-Sheikh reaped the benefits of a clean lifestyle, they said.

Dr. El-Sheikh was born in Port Said, Egypt. He graduated with honors from the University of Cairo, Egypt, with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry in 1965. He married Attiat El-Sweesy, a fellow classmate in 1969 and

together they started a family with the birth of a son, Shereif. With a vision of a better life for his family, Dr. El-Sheikh relocated from Port Said to Massachusetts in 1971, establishing work for himself as a chemist at the Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Brighton. Six months later, when he became confident in his ability to provide for his family, he sent for them to join him.

Concurrent with his employment, he attended Northeastern University as a part-time student. He was awarded a master of science degree in clinical chemistry in 1976. That same year, his daughter, Mona, was born.

In 1981, Dr. El-Sheikh embarked on the study of dental medicine at Boston University. Four years later, he matriculated with a doctor of medical dentistry degree. Within one year, he founded the Wakefield Family Dental Center, where he practiced the standards of excellence for which he strived in all aspects of his life. Dr. El-Sheikh was twice included in the prestigious *Who's Who in American Dentistry* and, in 1994, shared the honor of being named one of the best dentists in Wakefield.

His son said, "He did not have to leave his home country, go to school for half of his life, and become a dentist. He did not have to replace the snow tires on his wife's car every winter, drive his kids to soccer and swimming, or spend his Sundays teaching them to drive."

"Dr. Said El-Sheikh was a devoted husband and father, who will be missed dearly by his family and friends," his family said.

Members of his family include his wife, Attiat El-Sheikh; son, Shereif El-Sheikh; daughter, Mona El-Sheikh; sister, Nabeela El-Sheikh; and brothers, Youssef El-Sheikh, Mahmoud El-Sheikh, and Abdul-Wahab El-Sheikh.

SCHOOL TALK

— by Patricia J. Perry

Commended Students are outstanding, they are slightly below the level required to continue in the competition for Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1995.

Greg and Nick are sixth-formers (seniors) at Brooks School, a coeducational, college-preparatory school.

Heather Foster, a student in the eighth grade at Pike School, completed a coming-of-age program at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover. Heather undertook a year-long program of study and community service, which culminated in a Sunday morning service she planned by herself. During the service, she read a statement of her beliefs. Heather's mentor for the program was Judy Trerotola.

James J. Perry of Andover has been named to the first honors list at Malden Catholic High School.

Kimberly H. Schelling and Pallabi Sanyal were named to the first-quarter honor roll at the Academy of Notre Dame in Tyngsboro.

Kelly Lacina of Andover, a junior at Nazareth Academy in Wakefield, was named to the school's first honors first-quarter honor roll.

Almost everyone can remember that one remarkable teacher — the one who so inspired them through talent and caring, that their lives were changed forever. For the past five years, Tufts University has asked its entering students to remember these teachers so they can be honored through a special recognition program.

Among those recognized for excellence this year is Rebecca McCam, a Spanish teacher at Phillips Academy.

Andover High School project award to be Friday, 6 p.m.

By Neil Fater

The School Building Committee has scheduled a rare Friday evening meeting for tomorrow at 6 to award the Andover High School construction contract. Although it planned to award the High School job Tuesday night, the committee again delayed action because the attorney general's office is ruling on a case involving a firm vying for the project's electrical work.

Thomas Urbelis, town counsel, told the committee Tuesday night that he expects the attorney general to make a ruling within the next 48 hours. The attorney general will either award the project's electrical work to one of the two low-bidders or send the electrical work back out to bid, according to David Croteau, High School architect.

However, even after that ruling is made, the building project may still be bogged down by legal problems.

Several days after the bid openings, Mr. Urbelis was provided with the documents from the low-bidding general contractor, Stone/Congress, a joint venture formed solely for the High School project from Rhode Island's The Stone Building Company and Danvers' Congress Construction. The two companies have never worked together before, according to architects.

Mr. Urbelis said that while the packet he received contained certificates of eligibility for each separate company, it did not contain the necessary paperwork for the joint venture.

"This caused me some concern," he said, because "by not submitting an appropriate certificate, a contractor can be disqualified."

Mr. Urbelis said a copy of the joint-venture certificate of eligibility was filed with the appropriate state agency, indicating that

the paperwork existed before the bids were opened.

Representatives from both companies and David Soleau, High School architect, pledged under penalty of perjury that the document was included in the

forms submitted at the bid opening.

"It comes down to a factual determination, was it there (and misplaced) or wasn't it?" said Mr. Urbelis.

Concerns about the low-bidder

By Neil Fater

Although both The Stone Building Company and Congress Construction, the two companies that formed a joint venture to work on the Andover High School construction project, received mostly positive recommendations, one of the references questioned by Andover's project manager said it would not work with Congress Construction again.

Stone/Congress is the apparent low bidder for the \$26.5 million High School project and the School Building Committee plans to award the contract Friday at 6 p.m. [See story

above this one.]

Building committee members admitted they are somewhat wary of awarding the project to the Stone/Congress joint venture, in part because the two companies have never worked together.

"I have a number of concerns. It's a joint venture. Joint ventures are very difficult," said Jim Marsh, committee chairman. "It's tough enough to deal with one contractor."

Sharman Lappin, project manager, interviewed two architects and an owner that

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This 1992 photo of the Rev. Jane Gould was taken at Grace Episcopal Church where Rev. Gould was assistant pastor at the time.

Rev. Gould at MIT

and graduates, but also to the faculty and staff. Ms. Gould wants to provide guidance in answering questions they may have about themselves while looking for ways where the Episcopal ministry can help.

"In the church, we need to ask ourselves 'What difference do we make? What is the role of the church in the secular world?' If we stay within the walls of our building, we are not going to be able to make a difference. The world is not going to come to us."

A new program she has developed at MIT involves bringing graduates back to the Cambridge campus to discuss ways in which students can balance what they learn in the classroom with a commitment to faith. She feels that by fostering the church's belief in community, students may develop more of a cohesiveness and not feel intensely competitive with each other as well as others in similar fields, a concept that is encouraged by the institute.

It is her emphasis on outreach that encouraged Ms. Gould to accept an opportunity to be a part of the Kellogg's National Fellowship Program, a philanthropic foundation. The program provides leadership development for professionals in the early years of their careers who are viewed as the next leaders within their professions. Ms. Gould is focusing on community development and has just completed the first of her three-year commitment. The program involves extensive travel, yet she has the blessing of MIT to complete her fellowship.

Prior to assuming her duties as Episcopal chaplain at MIT, Ms. Gould

served as associate rector at Grace Church in Lawrence. She also spent four years, 1986-90, as assistant to the rector at the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester, as well as serving a one-year stint, 1985-'86, as interim Protestant chaplain at Phillips Academy. Her interim position at the Andover school marked her second tour of duty there, having taught history at Phillips Academy from 1979-'80 after earning both her bachelor's and master's degrees in history from Stanford.

As a history teacher at Milton Academy in the early 1980s, she met her husband, John. With their two children, Gardner, 9, and Sam, 5, they now live at Phillips Academy, where Mr. Gould is a teacher in the English department. He also is the author of *The Withering Child*, the story of their son, Gardner, who became troubled and essentially stopped eating a few years ago while the family was on Mr. Gould's sabbatical in England.

Despite a full-time job and a Kellogg Fellowship, Ms. Gould makes it a point to set aside time for her family as well, regardless of the demands of her work load.

"What makes everything I do possible is a great husband and father," she said of Mr. Gould.

Likewise, it takes a level of acceptance for the occasional states of disarray.

"In juggling full-time employment, a fellowship, a husband and two kids, you find there is a slight degree of insanity."

Kevin Dolan, of Andover, is assistant to the director of personnel administration at UMass Boston.

They'll take pay raise, but they don't like the process

the tax cuts for the raise, that would be setting a "dangerous precedent" for a democratic institution, Sen. O'Brien said.

Sen. O'Brien, who has made it known that he may run for Senate president, said he is doing so to show legislators that there are alternatives to Senate President William Bulger.

"The issue is, we need a dramatic change in the way the Senate does business, and that means new leadership," he said.

Sen. O'Brien said he thinks Sen. Bulger will be re-elected as Senate leader, but he said he doesn't think voters will forget the pay-raise issue in the two years between now and the next election.

Sen. O'Brien will now earn \$53,900 annually, including the \$46,400, plus \$7,500 he earns as chairman of the Senate's Committee on Counties. Rep. Coon will earn the \$46,400.

Raise may be repealable

Rep. Coon indicated last week that the governor only signed the raise package once he knew it was not beyond recall.

"Apparently he feels that the voters could repeal it," Rep. Coon said Friday.

One of the reasons the governor gave for delaying the pay-raise bill was that there was some question as to whether legislators had approved it in a manner that could not be repealed. As it turns out, the raise can be recalled through an initiative petition, but that will have to wait until the 1996 ballot and it is a cumbersome process.

Rep. Coon tried to stop the raise

Rep. Coon co-filed an order Monday, Nov. 28, two days prior to Gov. Weld's submitting the pay-raise bill. The bill would have prevented the Legislature from considering a raise until the next legislative session, which begins Jan. 4. The order was filed along with Rep. Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester.

Currently, there is a rule that pre-

vents the Legislature from acting on a compensation bill from 30 days prior to nomination papers being due for state elections until the election. Rep. Coon's order would have extended that period through the end of the session, which in this case would be Jan. 3. It

would have done away with the loophole that allows compensation bills to be dealt with during that period after the elections and before the newly elected legislators take office, according to Rep. Coon.

"What I wanted to do was close that loophole so it couldn't be taken up during the lame duck session," he said.

But the House Committee on Rules held the change, despite a request to House Speaker Charles F. Flaherty, D-Cambridge, who also serves as chairman of the rules committee, to release it.

While Rep. Coon's order was tied up in committee, where it can be held up to 10 days, Gov. Weld's bill was submitted, on Wednesday, Nov. 30. But instead of being held, the pay-raise bill was released from committee the next day, Thursday. Hearings were held on it Friday in the House and Senate, and it was approved the same day. The

vote was 120 to 31 in the House and 28 to 7 in the Senate.

"I got up to the floor and spoke against it," Rep. Coon said.

He also spoke in favor of an amendment proposed by Rep. Ed Teague, R-Yarmouth, to restore the pay to \$30,000 and institute a six-month legislative session instead of the year-long session that is now used.

"I argued in favor of that," Rep. Coon said.

He said he feels the legislative business could be done in six months, rather than a year, and that it would have included a stipulation that legislators could be called back into session for emergencies.

But the amendment failed and the pay raise bill passed.

Sen. O'Brien said this week that, if done right, the job of a legislator is a full-time, year-round job.



Senator John O'Brien



Rep. Gary Coon

Using the Community Calendar

Did you know that the *Andover Townsman* keeps the Andover Community Calendar? The calendar is a listing of major local events including fund-raisers, concerts, plays and more.

The purpose of the calendar is to avoid two major events occurring on the same day.

If your organization has planned an event that should be included in the

Community Calendar, write it down and send it to Perry Colmore, Andover Townsman, 33 Chestnut St., Andover 01810.

The event must be written and not phoned into the paper.

If you are planning an event and want to know if something already is scheduled for that date, call Ms. Colmore at 475-1943.

Spotlight on Chapter 766, Special Needs: The numbers

The first night of the April 11 Town Meeting this year, a majority of voters approved the total school operating budget of \$24,422,042 for fiscal year 1995, which began July 1, 1994.

Within that figure, \$4.1 million was allocated for the special-needs program. That's 16.7 percent of the total school budget for the Chapter 766 program.

Expenditures for special needs are located in several parts of the overall school budget: administration, salaries, expenses such as contracted therapist services, evaluation, transportation and tuitions for students who attend schools out of town.

The 600 special-needs students make up 11 percent of the Andover school population of 5,291 youngsters, as of Oct. 1, 1994.

Out-of-town program: \$1.2 million

And, of the 600 special-needs children, 41 Andover students are educated out of town, almost 7 percent of the total special-needs students, and three-fourths of 1 percent of the total school population.

Those who attend school out of town are students whose severe handicaps require a special placement because appropriate programs are not available for them in the Andover school system.

Most attend public and private day

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schools in the Greater Boston and North Shore areas; a very few board.

The Andover school system pays the tuition and transportation costs for students at residential schools, although the town does not pay the transportation costs for one 766 youngster who is at school in Idaho.

"Sometimes parents pay for transportation. This is by agreement," said Mary French, Pupil Personnel administrator. Ms. French directs the Andover 766 program.

"The state or, in some cases, a partnership with other agencies, pays the residential part," said Gail Zeman, school business manager.

The numbers of youngsters in these specialized day and residential programs have remained fairly constant over the years, said Ms. French.

The tuitions range from one student at Children's Extended Care Center in Groton at \$11,294, to two youngsters at the Lexington, Arlington, Burlington and Bedford Collaborative (LABB) at \$20,035 each, to a \$49,320 tuition fee for a multi-handicapped youngster at Perkins School in Watertown.

At a total cost of \$958,340 for tuitions, plus \$234,782 for out-of-town transportation, the total cost for the out-of-town Andover students is \$1,193,122.

This means the average cost for each local special-needs youngster who is educated out-of-town is \$29,100.

Average cost of Andover education

"In Fiscal Year 1994 (July 1-June 30, 1993), the average cost per student from allocated (budgeted monies) was \$4,547. Add to that the other expenses on the schools' side of the town budget, such as maintenance and snow plowing, and that per-pupil cost figure was \$5,623," said Ms. Zeman.

Special-needs program in town costs \$2.9 million

The Chapter 766 program for the students in the Andover schools costs \$2.9 million. Here's the breakdown:

Salaries for teachers, assistants and aides for special-needs students in the five elementary schools totals \$754,067. This compares with a total elementary salary budget of \$6,259,191. Thus, the elementary special-needs teachers' salaries are 12 percent of total.

Doherty Middle School and West Middle School special-needs salaries are \$207,179 and

The numbers at a glance

Budget for out-of-town students

\$958,340	tuitions for out-of-town Andover students
\$234,782	out-of-town transportation
\$1,193,122	total for out-of-town students

Budget for in-town students

\$754,067	elementary special-needs salaries - 12 percent of total
\$878,272	secondary special-needs salaries - 11.8 percent of total
\$596,110	systemwide speech and occupational therapists salaries
\$82,122	adaptive physical education teachers salaries
\$163,745	evaluation, in-school psychologists salaries
\$146,305	contracted outside evaluation/occupational therapy services
\$170,695	special-needs transportation intown
\$105,000	administrator and clerical salaries
\$2,900,316	special needs students in Andover

Total entire Chapter 766 program

\$4,089,438	special needs part of \$24,422,042 FY95 budget
(That's 16.7 percent of budget for 11.3 percent of the public school students)	

\$267,020, respectively.

Salaries of Andover High School special-needs teachers, aides and assistants totals \$404,073.

Thus, the secondary school special needs salaries total \$878,272. That calculates as 11.8 percent of the total middle- and high-school salaries.

These teachers, aides and assistants teach the 10.5 percent of the public school population who are 766 students educated in Andover schools.

That's 559 in-town special-needs youngsters in a school population of 5,291 students.

Add to the teacher salaries, the systemwide cost of speech therapists at \$596,110. These are salaried school employees.

The one full-time and one part-time adaptive physical education teachers, who help youngsters control and strengthen large muscles, cost \$82,122.

Evaluation, psychological services

An individual education plan (IEP) specifies hours per week a young-

ster meets with a therapist and where the help occurs. To help evaluate special-needs students, there are six full-time and one part-time salaried psychologists for a total of \$163,745. These professionals also help both 766 and typical children with adjustment problems. The actual cost is twice as much, but the special-needs department receives grant money to pay salaries, said Ms. French.

The federal government gives Andover \$284,800 in the form of grants to the special-needs department in

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Series at a glance

State law, under Chapter 766, mandates that public schools educate students with special needs so that they reach their highest potential. Because the school budget is limited, there is an uneasy equilibrium between paying for specialists and special programs, and funding the entire school system: teacher salaries and other expenses.

In this series, the Townsman covers:

Last week: **The students:** Who are they, how many, where are they in school?

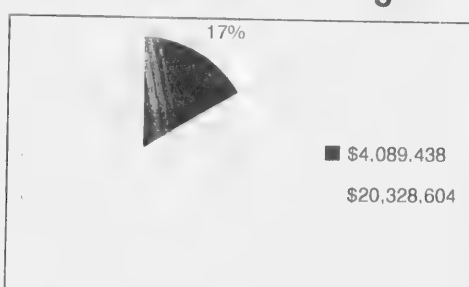
► This week: **The numbers:** Chapter 766 budget, the cost of out-of-town programs, and who - town, state, grants, parents (in one case) - pays for what.

Week 3: **Chapter 766 process:** How a student becomes a Chapter 766 student; and an interview with Mary French, Pupil Personnel administrator.

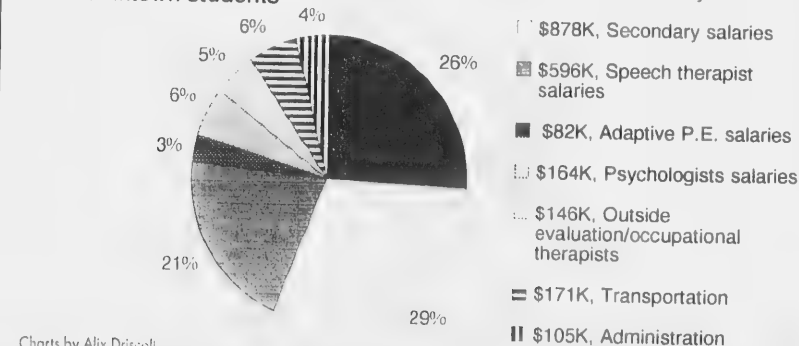
Week 4: **766 Task Force:** School Committee has formed a task force to evaluate Andover's special-needs education.

Week 5: **The results:** A look at some students who went through the Andover schools under the Chapter 766 umbrella.

Special needs as a percentage of total FY95 school budget



Costs for special needs programs for intown students



Charts by Alix Driscoll

Residents want to see lights at 125 and Gould

By Don Staruk

For years, residents of the Gould Road area have been pushing for lights at the intersection of Gould Road and Route 125, but their renewed efforts in the wake of a crash that injured five Andover residents there last week may have paid off.

"(Mass. Highway) Commissioner (Kevin) Sullivan has agreed to meet with me and John O'Brien and (town planning director) Steve Colyer on Dec. 21 in his office," Rep. Gary Coon, R-Andover, said last Friday. "So we do have a meeting set up to try and get some more satisfactory attention to this matter."

That will be welcome news to the area residents.

"We, as a neighborhood, have been working to try and get the state to address this situation," Patricia Marvin, of 17 Mohawk Road, said last Friday.

Ms. Marvin said the intersection had not been "a high priority with the state."

Ruth Weiner, of 3 Mohawk Road, who is organizing the residents' efforts, said she has been making calls to state officials for six months, but had for the most part been put off.

"We've been talking about this the 18 or 19 years we've been living here," Ms. Weiner said. "The accident the other day certainly has propelled our efforts. We don't want this to happen again."

Detlof Schoeppler and four 10-year-old Andover boys, including his son, were injured last week when their car, traveling west on Route 125, struck an empty school bus that had pulled out of Gould Road. The driver of the bus was cited for failure to use care in starting.

Kurtis Green, of Lowell Junction Road, the most seriously injured of the children, was released from Massachusetts General Hospital Sunday night. He suffered a ruptured spleen and will be taking it easy in hopes that the spleen can be saved, his mother, Linda Green, said Monday.

"He's improving. He's a lucky little boy. It could have been so much worse," Ms. Green said.



The car is going south on Route 125. Gould Road comes in on the right and crosses beyond where the car is. The state police have headquarters in the building and Harold Parker Road is at the left.

She said all four boys and Mr. Schoeppler were wearing seat belts at the time of the crash.

"We ducked an incredible bullet," Ms. Marvin said. "This could have been a catastrophe. It's just a miracle that things worked the way they did."

Legislative response

Ms. Weiner made several calls to Rep. Gary Coon's office in the last six months, but the response "was not helpful," she said. She also contacted Sen. John D. O'Brien Jr.'s office prior to last week's accident.

"We wrote a letter back in June to Commissioner Kevin Sullivan at the Massachusetts Highway Department asking them to study the dangerousness of that intersection, and told them that we'd been getting calls from constituents on that," Rep. Coon said. "We haven't gotten a reaction to that."

But he said things did start moving last week after the crash.

Sen. O'Brien said he had begun to work with Mass. Highway on the issue prior to last week's accident, but that now the issue is more urgent.

"We really need the highway department to examine the issue and come up with some sort of signalization," Sen. O'Brien said.

Three or four years ago the intersection was redesigned and electrical wiring for the lights allegedly was installed underground, but the lights were never put in. Former State Rep. Sue Tucker, who lives on Farrwood Drive, around the corner from the Gould Road intersection, worked for

years to get lights installed there while she was in office.

Sherman Eidelman, area district highway director for the state, couldn't confirm this week that the conduits have been installed under the intersection, but said that somehow the project was dropped from the state program. The recent letter from Sen. O'Brien did re-focus attention to the issue, he said.

"So we have asked for a new traffic study," Mr. Eidelman said.

He will also be at the meeting with the state legislators next week and said he is "optimistic" that something can be done.

Stopping the traffic once on Route 125 would provide relief for cars trying to pull out of other area intersections where there have also been numerous accidents, including Vine Street and Wildwood Road, Ms. Marvin said.

"It doesn't matter if every accident is at Gould," she said. "If a set of lights goes in at Gould Road, it helps every intersection down the road."

Ms. Weiner said neighbors are ready to do whatever needs to be done to make the lights at the Gould Road intersection happen, but they don't want to start a letter writing campaign if that's not the route to go.

"Right now, we're just trying to figure out what the best way to go about this is," she said.

Multiple crashes

State police handle most accidents that occur on Route 125 because it is a state highway, so Andover police don't have complete statistics for crashes on

that road. Still, Andover police records show responses to 40 accidents on Route 125 in the last three years, from Jan. 1, 1992, through last month.

Ms. Marvin said she and a number of her neighbors have been involved in accidents at the Gould Road intersection.

"I was in an accident in September there," Ms. Marvin said.

She was cited for failure to use care in starting after her car was struck in an accident similar to the one that occurred last week, she said.

"I feel real bad for that bus driver. That situation is the same thing that happened to me. I never saw her," Ms. Marvin said. "We should not have to play Russian roulette there. We should not have to say, 'Do I feel lucky now?'"

Lights at I-93

Lights were installed at the intersection of Route 125 and Andover Street in Wilmington earlier this year, and some residents say that has improved the flow of traffic at the intersections all along Route 125. The interruptions in traffic provide motorists trying to pull onto Route 125 the opportunity to do so.

But those lights have also caused some delays with traffic coming off Interstate 93, and some residents have given up trying to use Route 125 completely. Ms. Marvin says she commutes from the south and gets off I-93 at Route 62 and comes in the back roads to Andover.

"I don't even come down there anymore," Ms. Marvin said.

The numbers in the Chapter 766 education process

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FY95. To offset the cost of the special-needs program, Ms. French applies for several grants each year.

"These grants fund salaries of teachers who work directly with the children," she said.

Andover receives \$218,400 this fiscal year through the federal Title VIB (#89-313) program, to help the transition of out-placement youngsters back to the Andover schools and help the transition of special-needs pre-schoolers to the public schools, said Ms. French.

"These are youngsters with significant needs, and we need help in this school system," she said.

Title I Mental Health Grant, federal program #94-142, gives \$24,200 to

Andover this year, said Ms. French.

In addition, said Ms. French, the special-needs department will receive \$14,000 for helping children in the pre-referral process, before they have ed plans; \$19,800 for the early-childhood program; and \$8,400 for training in the use of the new forms for individual ed plans for Chapter 766 students.

Chapter 70 cherry sheet funds

In FY95, Massachusetts distributes \$2,064,206 to this town in the form of Chapter 70 funds for general support to education, including special education.

In addition, the state gives Andover \$326,147 for school transportation.

But they do not directly offset the cost of education.

According to Tony Torrisi, town

budget and finance director, these monies go into the general coffers of the town. They are not used as a direct offset for the school budget.

"In Andover, by agreement between the town fathers and mothers, we have a pot of money into which most all state funds go, into the general fund, as with all tax revenue. Andover's chore is not to divide them out (education money and town money) but to smooth out the fluctuations that take place each year," said Ms. Zeman.

One way to keep expenses down

Before a formal special-needs evaluation, according to both state and federal law, schools are required to do what they can for a youngster in the

regular classroom. Teachers and administration meet to plan for the student who is having difficulty, or not working up to potential and make changes that may help. Help may include modifications such as writing directions on the board, giving oral tests or allowing projects in lieu of written reports, said Ms. French.

"Everyone doesn't learn the same way," she said. The classroom teacher, with the help of learning specialists, can often make a few changes in class that will keep the child out of the special-education process.

"We attempt to have the child served well without the need to have a label as special education," said Ms. French.

EDITORIALS

A \$500 difference for senior citizens

Residents at Special Town Meeting last week approved spending \$15,000 as seed money to create a new program that will allow senior citizens those 60 and older - as well as any resident who is disabled, to perform community service in exchange for a break on their property tax bills.

They will earn tax-credit vouchers by working in jobs at a rate of \$5 an hour with a maximum of \$500 per household per year. The \$15,000 enables 30 residents to take full advantage of the vouchers.

The jobs for senior citizens and disabled persons include tasks in the accounting department, the library, the schools or the senior center and possibly working in school lunch rooms or playgrounds.

We think this is an excellent idea. Those who are interested in the jobs had better pay attention: The deadline to apply is Dec. 24. Turn in applications to Sharon Souza, coordinator of senior services, Andover Council on Aging. You can call her at 470-3830.

We understand several other communities in Massachusetts - Hopedale, Chelmsford, Lexington and Norfolk - are using the tax voucher program to help cut some residents' property taxes.

There are some residents to whom a cut of \$500 from their property tax bill may mean the difference between selling and remaining in Andover.

That makes this idea super.

How to write to the Townsman

The Townsman welcomes readers' letters.

Letters must be signed with a name and address and should be no longer than two typed pages, double spaced. Please include a phone number, in case there are questions.

Writers may fax letters to the Townsman at 508-470-2819, or send them to 33 Chestnut St., Andover MA 01810.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

These Doherty Middle School students are not camera shy. When a photographer shows up, they ham it up! Standing in front of Old Town Hall on Main Street are, from left, Greg Rybicki, Tom Dalis, Ben Mertes (in back), Dave Perkins (in front of Ben), Joel Rybicki, Jake Hall (who announced with pride that he had just received the title of Class Clown), James Tracy (in back) and Nick MacInnis (in front of James). All are eighth-graders except Dave Perkins, who is a seventh-grader.

Unlisted phone numbers, annoying calls

By Perry Colmore

Back in 1982, when I was cutting my teeth in my first job as the editor of a weekly newspaper, my publisher approached me one day when I was at the main office, preparing to go to press.

"I guess I know what your editorial is this week," he said.

"You do? How do you know?" I responded, wondering how he could have known I'd written about something that I can't even recall today, so mild was the subject.

It was a slow week, and I was sure my editorial that week would not draw any controversial letters.

"You must have written about (his name), the one who is running for the Board of Selectmen, who has an unlisted number."

No, I hadn't thought to do that. Yes, I had written a news story about

the man who didn't have a listed phone number, who wanted to be a selectman. And yes, I had been savvy enough to ask him if he would now list his number, and when he answered, "No," I had hung in there with, "Well, how is the public going to be able to reach you?" (There was no answer to that question.)

I skipped the obvious next step: An editorial saying a public official is just that - a public official who needs to be as available as possible to the public.

Now we have Andover Selectman James Barenboim, who has just switched to an unlisted number. And we have Selectman Jerry Silverman, who has had an unlisted number ever since I've known him. He is a high school principal, and he says his number is unlisted because of his principalship, not because of his selectman position.

School board member Susan Dalton also has an unlisted home number. She gives out her law office as her number. Mr. Barenboim says he changed his number a few weeks ago because someone was phoning him

every 10 minutes and hanging up.

My first reaction - really to all three unlisted numbers - was, you have to be available, even if you are harassed.

Then I was sent two messages to make me think it through further. First: When I pushed my message button on my telephone answering machine at home one night that annoying and loud message came on: "Hang up and try again," an operator who repeats herself four, five maybe even more times. And I guess that's not harassment, but it sure is annoying.

Next, I was telling my husband the story of the three unlisted town official phone numbers and he said, "Why don't they just give out the number at town offices?"

"Because they aren't ever there," I responded. "They're only there when they are at a meeting, and they can't talk on the phone then."

"Well, have someone at town offices relay the message to the caller," said my husband, whose IQ obviously is higher than mine.



DOWN THE YEARS

100 Years ago Dec. 7, 1894

A horse belonging to Wm. Tucker of North Andover caused a little excitement Tuesday morning. He was left untied in front of the Bank building, being harnessed to a wagon full of empty milk cans. Becoming frightened at some passing vehicle, he ran up Main; through Chestnut and Bartlett Streets back to Main; back to the centre, distributing the milk cans as he went along and doing considerable damage to the wagon.

Did you ever try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, or are Nervous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. Large bottles only fifty cents at at Arthur Bliss' Drug Store.

Seventeen pieces of road are now under construction by the state highway commission says the Boston Transcript, and it is thought that at least thirty will be contracted for in season to make a beginning on them before winter. In Essex County among others the commissioners are about ready to begin on the road from Lawrence to Andover.

50 Years Ago Dec. 7, 1944

The following letter arrived from Germany this week:

Dear Sir:

I don't often write a letter like this, but I have just been happily surprised. As you can probably tell by the weather back home, it is also getting cold and snowy over here. Today we got

our winter boots and imagine my surprise and feelings as I looked on the bottom and found that they had been made at the Tyer Rubber Co., Andover, Mass.

We all know that the folks back home are backing us up, but nothing can show it as much as a concrete article.

The boots will not only keep my feet warm and dry, but also those of a great many other fellows from all over the states.

It is really a great feeling to receive something from the old home town. Tell the folks back home to keep it up, and we will win.

Sincerely,
Ronald Schofield

At a regular meeting of the School Committee on Tuesday night, Miss Margaret Bascom of Newton was elected teacher of the second grade in the Samuel Jackson School. She was elected for the balance of the school year, at a salary of \$1300 per year, plus the usual bonus accorded the town employees. The School Committee accepted with regret the resignations of Miss Louise Sherman and Mrs. Marion Manning. Miss Sherman has accepted a position as fourth grade teacher in Melrose. Due to the falling off of the school enrollment at the high school, Mrs. Manning's position will not be filled as there are only 257 pupils. The teacher sub-committee brought in certain recommendations on health and physical examinations for employees of the school department which will be set in operation as time permits, after the matter is straightened out.

24 Years Ago Dec. 10, 1970

The Andover Village Improvement Society has just received a substantial gift of land for another major reservation to be preserved for the townspeople of Andover, through the will of John Gardner Greene, philanthropist, humanist and educator, and longtime friend of AVIS official Harold Rafton.

The new reservation comprises 31

acres of high ridge, slope, level ground and cattail swamp, lying between Andover Street and Dascomb Road opposite Indian Ridge Country Club land, and extending to most of Bannister Road.

AVIS's eighth major reservation will be dedicated next spring as the "Ann Rawlins Greene Reservation," in accordance with the wishes of the society's benefactor.

This past cold Monday morning as Rafton enthusiastically led reporters along the high oak-wooded ridge, children's sled tracks down the freshly snowed sides of the ridge attested to the recreational appeal of John Gardner's gift of land. So did a rival pair of air-conditioned tree-forts. The neighborhood kids evidently have been enjoying the Ann Rawlins Greene Reservation all along.

10 Years Ago Dec. 13, 1984

If you don't see Christmas lights when you drive by 47 High Plain Road knock on the door and ask Mary or

Fred Cummings to light their thirty foot Christmas tree. An annual holiday tradition, the Cummings tree has been wrapped in over 400 lights since 1965, said Fred. Decorating the spruce tree is a family affair with son Doug and daughter Beth lending a hand when it comes time to hang the lights.

Mary is in charge of making sure that all the lights work before they reach the tree, said her husband.

According to Fred, it takes two people to put the 420 lights up. He told the Townsman he was happy to light the tree if passers-by find the lights aren't on.

Or, he added, holiday sight-seers out at night to see Christmas lights may call the Cummings home before leaving and Fred or Mary will light up their tree. (1994 note: The Cummings have continued their tradition; their tree is as magnificent as ever this year.)

Down The Years was compiled by Townsman intern Joan Brown, who chose her material from old Townsmans, which Memorial Hall Library has on file.

LETTERS

Frosty reception to the Alderbrook Road letter

Editor, Townsman:

Jane Gifun [Dec. 8 letter, page 43, "Bickering about Alderbrook Road"] deplores the bickering between neighbors over the paving of a road. Well and good.

But when she suggests they follow the advice given in Robert Frost's poem, *Mending Wall*, that "Good fences make good neighbors," she's got a problem. This proverb is spoken twice in the poem, by Frost's neighbor, and Frost derides both the man giving the advice, and the advice itself.

Thus, Ms. Gifun has got the meaning of the poem exactly backwards. If she is going to indulge herself in making literary allusions, a minimum requirement would seem to be that she has at least some understanding of the material alluded to.

Christopher Sherman
231 Haggetts Pond Road

A special special-needs child

Editor, Townsman:

I would like to say thank you for the article on kids in Andover with special

needs and the column written by Kim Yoshida. [Dec. 8 Townsman, pages 1 and 42.]

I think they were great articles to really open people's eyes about what's being done in Andover for special-needs kids and how difficult it is for the family, friends and for the children themselves to learn to live with their disease.

I am a freshman at Andover High School and a very privileged babysitter. I have had the pleasure of being able to babysit for the Yoshida children, Keiko and Brent, and Brent is one of the most well behaved kids I have sat for.

Through playing with him, talking with him and living with their family this summer, I learned a lot about Brent's disease and just how really special he is. Last year I worked with handicapped and mentally challenged kids at West Middle and I loved it, but I learned so much from Brent this summer and I can only ask, how can you not love him?

Kim and David Yoshida are two very strong, loving, incredible parents and their children have only followed in their generous and kind example.

The Yoshidas are a wonderful family. I am a very grateful babysitter and Brent is one very special little boy.

Lisa Mueller
4 Pendant Court

Phone numbers and calls

Sounds like a good idea to me. In fact, Mr. Silverman often gives out the number at town offices. At the selectmen's meeting Monday, Mr. Silverman asked everyone in the room, including the cable TV camera, to turn around and note the very large numbers in chalk on the wall: his home phone number. I guess we won't list it here. You can call town offices and leave a message there if you want.

And by the way, we at the Townsman know what it's like to receive too

many phone calls from a person. I hesitate to admit this because we welcome 99.5 percent of the phone calls we get, including those from people who want to complain about a story or make a correction - those calls are fine.

I am referring to calls from a couple of people to whom we finally feel like saying, "If you want to be editor (or reporter) of this newspaper, you should apply for the job. But until you get it, I will have to make the final decisions about what we cover and how we do it."

Amen.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Dec. 7 - At 7:35 a.m., Helen Steinbrecher, 27, of 42 Central St., was arrested on North Main Street and charged on a North Andover warrant.

At 8:24 a.m., Sean Kenneally, 25, of Cambridge, was arrested on Gradall Lane, off Essex Street, and charged with possession of a class-D substance (marijuana) and assault and battery on a police officer. Officer Edward Higgenbottom questioned Mr. Kenneally regarding suspicious activity outside Christy's Market, 10 Railroad St., and saw what appeared to be drug paraphernalia in his pocket. Mr. Kenneally fled, knocking Officer Higgenbottom to the ground, but the officer caught Mr. Kenneally on Gradall Lane.

Thursday, Dec. 8 - At 1:48 p.m., Peter Glynn, 20, of Litchfield, N.H., was arrested and charged with operating under the influence (alcohol) after a two-car accident with injuries near 57 River Road.

Saturday, Dec. 10 - At 12:25 a.m., Matthew Gendron, 17, of 535 Chickering Road, North Andover, was arrested in the parking lot at town offices, on Bartlet Street, and charged with operating under the influence (alcohol). Prior to the arrest, police received a report that Mr. Gendron's car had backed into a tree on Bartlet Street.

At 7:35 a.m., Robert F. Demers, 47, of 9 Dufton Road, was arrested at his home and charged on an Andover warrant for assault and battery on a police officer.

Monday, Dec. 12 - At 6:37 p.m., Chester H. Hall Jr., 60, of Wilmington, was arrested in Wilmington and charged on two Andover warrants for probation violations. He was also issued a 209A restraining order.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 7 - At 2:24 p.m., a student was reported in possession of marijuana at Greater Lawrence Technical School on River Road.

Thursday, Dec. 8 - At 8:07 a.m., police and an ambulance responded to the Tech School for the report of a student who had overdosed.

At 10:01 a.m., Officer Robert Cronin tried to stop a Chevrolet Camaro Z28 on North Main Street, and followed the vehicle to the Merrimack exit on Route 495 before breaking off pursuit.

At 4:21 p.m., a Lavender Hill Road man reported his son was assaulted while at Doherty Middle School during the day.

At 4:33 p.m., a Brookside Drive woman reported her 5-year-old daughter was assaulted after being dropped off from day care.

At 6:47 p.m., a 209A restraining order was served on Center Street.

Friday, Dec. 9 - At 8:36 p.m., a 209A restraining order was served on Elysian Drive.

At 10:36 p.m., an expired, large, black, male cat was found near 225 Main St.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 7 - At 12:42 p.m., an

accident was reported in Shawsheen Square.

At 2:44 p.m., an accident was reported near 100 Main St.

At 5:09 p.m., an accident was reported near 139 River Road.

At 5:54 p.m., an accident was reported in front of the YMCA, on Haverhill Street.

At 6:28 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported after one car hit a second parked car at the corner of Main and Park streets, and left without stopping.

Thursday, Dec. 8 - At 1 p.m., an accident was reported at Shawsheen Square.

At 1:03 p.m., while responding to the Shawsheen Square accident, motorcycle officer Robert Cronin was involved in an accident with a car near 235 N. Main St.

At 3:32 p.m., an accident was reported in front of Friendly's Restaurant at 20 N. Main St.

At 9:09 p.m., a car struck a utility pole near 87 High St.

Friday, Dec. 9 - At 8:06 a.m., an accident was reported near 6 Lowell St.

At 8:36 a.m., state police handled an accident on Route 495 northbound, at Route 28.

At 2:33 p.m., a woman motorist reported a hit-and-run accident after a second car allegedly ran a stop sign at William and Poor streets, hit her car and fled. A passenger in the second vehicle threatened the woman with a clenched fist when she tried to follow the car.

At 5:35 p.m., a minor accident was reported near 15 North St.

At 6:48 p.m., state police handled an accident on Route 125 at Wildwood Road.

At 7:56 p.m., a car was reported flipped over near 316 River Road, but no injuries were reported.

At 8:10 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the McDonald's Restaurant parking lot on North Main Street.

Saturday, Dec. 10 - At 9:11 a.m., a minor accident was reported near 350 N. Main St.

At 12:55 p.m., a minor accident was reported near 1 Elm St.

Sunday, Dec. 11 - At 1:58 p.m., a minor accident was reported near 150 Haverhill St.

Monday, Dec. 12 - At 6:48 p.m., a two-car accident with injuries was reported near 89 Haverhill St. Yvonne C. Nicoletti, 18, of 12 Haskell Road, a senior at Andover High School and the driver of one car, was cited for driving to endanger and failure to stay in marked lanes after her car allegedly crossed into oncoming traffic and struck the second car head-on. Helen Thomson, 42, of 6 Baldwin St., North Andover, was taken to Lawrence General Hospital with a broken leg and other injuries. She was admitted and listed in good condition Tuesday night. Her passenger, James Thomson, 44, of the same address, hit the windshield, according to a witness. He was taken to LGH where he was listed in critical condition in the intensive care unit Tuesday night. Ms. Nicoletti and a male passenger in her car were not injured.

At 11:01 p.m., an accident was reported near 300 S. Main St.

BREAKS

Wednesday, Dec. 7 - At 7:06 p.m., a third bike was reported taken from a garage on Pynchard Avenue where two bikes were reported taken last week.

Thursday, Dec. 8 - At 5:04 p.m., a woman reported her briefcase and pocketbook taken in a car break on Main Street. (Her pocketbook was recovered behind the Free

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Christian Church on Elm Street.

Friday, Dec. 9 - At 7:27 a.m., a car break was reported on Greenwood Road.

Saturday, Dec. 10 - At 6:25 p.m., Daniel J. McDonald 2nd, 24, 11 Whispering Pines Way, was arrested on Elm Street and charged with operating under the influence (alcohol).

Sunday, Dec. 11 - At 5:48 p.m., a house break was reported after a woman reported finding a door frame broken at her home.

THEFTS
Wednesday, Dec. 7 - At 2:31 p.m., a shoplifter was reported at Strawberry Tree, 9 Main St.

At 9:11 p.m., four hubcaps were reported taken from a car on Hidden Road.

Friday, Dec. 9 - At 4:18 p.m., a cellular phone was reported taken from a coat pocket at Greater Lawrence Technical School on River Road.

At 5:01 p.m., a purse snatching was reported at Market Basket. The thief reportedly fled in a red car toward Lawrence. (The pocketbook was found the next morning near 6 Sutherland St.)

At 9:33 p.m., Christmas lights were reported taken from a lamp post on Woburn Street.

At 10:29 p.m., a theft was reported on Lowell Street.

Saturday, Dec. 10 - At 10:51 a.m., a theft of returnable bottles was reported by the Andover Marriott on Old River Road.

At 11:17 a.m., the theft of a mailbox was reported on Bannister Road.

At 4:54 p.m., a woman reported the theft of a wallet while at Shawshen Plaza.

Sunday, Dec. 11 - At 11:47 a.m., a theft of Christmas lights and damage to shrubs was reported on Delphi Circle.

At 12:18 p.m., the theft of a flag and pole were reported at a home on Andover Street.

At 2:27 p.m., two women reportedly stole two outfits from Gardenia Boutique, 90 Main St. The suspects were reported as two black women, one wearing a long brown corduroy coat and the other a short leather jacket.

Monday, Dec. 12 - At 5:25 p.m., a man reported three credit cards stolen while at the YMCA.

VANDALISM
Wednesday, Dec. 7 - At 7:11 p.m., an Oak Street resident reported someone put sand in the gas tanks of trucks parked in his yard.

CAR THEFTS
Sunday, Dec. 11 - At 4:42 p.m., a registration plate was reported taken on North Main Street.



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Selectmen slosh through town-manager review

By Don Staruk

In a session described as embarrassing by some residents and town employees, selectmen tried to go public with their review of the town manager's contract Monday night, but mostly reverted to squabbling with each other and accomplishing little.

"I think it was ridiculous, a farce," said Selectman Bill Downs.

The discussion may be continued at the board's next meeting, this Monday at 7:30 p.m. in town offices, but it is unclear what exactly will be discussed and what may be taken up in executive session. Selectman Downs said yesterday he would prefer salary negotiations take place in executive session and only be brought to public meeting for a vote.

The discussion was an effort by the board to get the review back on track after the selectmen learned last week that two board members, who had been informally appointed as a subcommittee to lay the groundwork for the review process, may have violated the public meeting law by not posting their meetings.

"There was not any intent, certainly, of doing anything wrong," Chairman Gerald Silverman said Monday night.

But Donal Coleman, of 91 High St., complained to board members Monday that any discussion of what the subcommittee had done was wrong because it may have been accomplished in an illegal meeting. He later threatened board members with legal action if they persisted in discussing the issue.

"That report is illegal," Mr. Coleman said.

Selectman William Downs also voiced concern that the full board had not even discussed whether members wanted to offer Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski another contract, and that it was premature to discuss his salary, which other board members said they were prepared to do.

"My opinion of now is that we are discussing the report right now in the open," Chairman Silverman said.

But Selectman Charles Wesson said that, to play it safe, the board should discuss only the evaluation Monday night, and delay discussion of the salary until a later date.

Selectman James Barenboim, who along with Selectman Larry Larsen comprised the subcommittee, wanted to discuss at least the salary for the remainder of Mr. Stapczynski's current contract, but ceded to the board's wishes.

"We'll do whatever this board would like us to do," Mr. Barenboim said.

Mr. Downs also questioned whether Mr. Barenboim and Dr. Larsen were ever officially appointed a subcommittee, and said he didn't think that was the case.

"You can say whatever you want, Bill, but you were well aware when it was done," Mr.

Silverman said.

Brian Major, of 116 Woburn St., told board members he thought it was "awfully awkward" for the town manager to have to discuss his salary in an open forum.

Mr. Silverman said he thought it was best to do it in public in order to "cleanse" the process.

Mary Carbone, of 3 Cyr Circle, asked board members to publish in the local paper the blank evaluation form used by selectmen to evaluate the town manager, and allow all residents to take part in the process. Mr. Silverman said that would not happen.

"It is the responsibility of this board to hire its employees," Mr. Silverman said.

Good people skills

In addition to reviewing the process used, the board did get around to reviewing at least part of the evaluation itself.

Mr. Stapczynski's five-year contract is up June 30, 1995. The board is charged with negotiating and awarding a new contract, if members choose to do so, and with setting the manager's salary. Mr. Stapczynski was entitled to a pay review for each of the last three years of his current contract, but didn't get one because, according to Selectman James Barenboim, he and the board agreed that his review should wait until after all the town employee contracts were settled. Those contracts have now been settled.

Selectmen Larsen and Barenboim Monday night listed 10 categories on which they rated Mr. Stapczynski's performance. While they rated Mr. Stapczynski rather high (above 8 on a scale of 1-10) in people skills, awareness of the consumer, political awareness and balance, fiscal

leadership and sense of community, he fared slightly lower (between 7 and 8) in areas of overall leadership, clarity of objectives and plans, directness and candor, union-negotiation skills and action-oriented problem-solving skills.

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Evaluating the town manager

Selectman Downs pushed for an overall rating of the town manager, repeatedly asking if he received an "A," "B" or a "C."

But Dr. Larsen insisted that one board member had not properly completed the results, so that they were lower than they should have been, and that the rating was only to be used as a guide, and not for an overall grade.

"If it didn't work out the way you want, then we should probably do it again," Mr. Downs said.

"We got what we want," Mr. Barenboim said.

The overall average of the figures they had was 79.16, Dr. Larsen said.

Mr. Stapeczynski was hired because he had good people skills, and he has proved that he has those, Dr. Larsen said. The board was pleased with his performance overall, but also has some areas it would like to address, Dr. Larsen said.

"We were concerned about wanting him to feel the Board of Selectmen would back him in difficult decisions," Dr. Larsen said.

Dr. Larsen indicated that Mr. Stapeczynski sometimes takes a penchant for consensus building to an extreme in order to get feedback from board members, rather than making decisions on his own.

Dr. Larsen said he and Mr. Barenboim met with Mr. Stapeczynski, in a meeting that probably should have been posted, to get feedback from Mr. Stapeczynski on whether he wanted to renew his contract, and regarding areas of concern he wanted to address with them as well.

Selectman Downs

said he didn't think Mr. Stapeczynski should have to respond to the evaluation in public. But Mr. Stapeczynski did offer some comments, calling the relationship between the town manager and the Board of Selectmen "an interesting dynamic."

"Generally speaking," his and the board's relationship has been "a good partnership," the manager said.

He said the goal-setting exercise the board has started is a good way "of letting me know what your agenda is on an annual basis," and should allow him to work those goals into his important documents, such as the budget and Capital Improvement Program.

Mr. Stapeczynski said the manager also works closely with the chairman of the board, and that

that is also an important relationship.

"In a word, it's teamwork," Mr. Stapeczynski said.

"This was the total result of our planning and illegal meeting," Dr. Larsen said.

Caught in time

Essex County Assistant district attorney Robert Bender, who specializes in the open meeting law for the DA's office, said last week that selectmen prob-

ably did not meet illegally in preparing for the town manager's performance review.

At an executive session prior to last week's regular board meeting, Selectman Downs suggested there might be a problem with Dr. Larsen and Mr.

Barenboim being a subcommittee and not having been posting their meetings.

Dr. Larsen last week asked Mr. Bender for his opinion regarding the meetings he and Mr. Barenboim held in preparation for the town manager's performance review.

"From what he's telling me, the full board hasn't done anything wrong,"

Mr. Bender said, and the same was true for the subcommittee.

Mr. Bender said there were two issues: Did the two selectmen constitute a subcommittee? And what did they do?

He said the two board members did constitute a subcommittee. The fact that two members didn't

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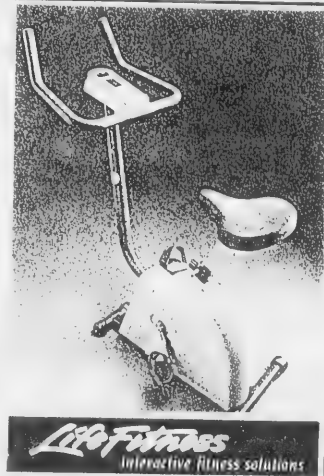
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Officer Cronin injured

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Tuesday night. "But he's alive, and that's what really counts."

Officer Cronin was responding from the police station to assist at an accident in Shawsheen Square at 1 p.m. Thursday. He was going north past the north entrance to the Washington Park Apartments, near 235 N. Main St., allegedly with his blue light flashing and his siren on when a car coming in the opposite direction driven by Georgina Lane, 73, of 13 Bartlet St., allegedly attempted to take a left into the apartment complex, cutting him off.

"He had nowhere to go," Ms. Cronin said. "He knew he was going to hit her and it was just minimizing the damage."

Officer Cronin braked, but both he and his bike struck the rear end of the 1984 Cadillac, and both flew over the trunk in the air, according to his wife. He still traveled about 30 feet in the air before landing "pancaked on his back" in the road, she said. He was knocked out briefly, and had a small cut on the back of his head, probably from his helmet. He has bruises on his arms and a black eye, and his whole body is sore, his wife said.

Officer Cronin will be in the casts

for two months, and will follow that with a month of physical therapy, according to his wife.

"That's a best-case scenario," she said.

Ms. Lane and her passenger, Margaret Saunders, 73, of 100C Washington Park, were not injured.

Need two bikes?

Selectmen briefly discussed the accident Monday night and at least three board members said

they had concerns about the need for the department's two bikes. They also questioned the use of the bikes so late in the year. Chairman Gerald Silverman asked Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski to discuss the need for the bikes with Police Chief James Johnson.

Both Andover and state police are investigating the accident, and neither of their reports were

Officer Dave St. Jean and Sgt. Barbara Connolly investigate the scene of Officer Bob Cronin's crash last Thursday on North Main Street.

Lisa Adelsberger photo

complete this week, according to Lt. Phillip Froburg.

"The preliminary investigation indicates she made a left-hand turn in front of the motorcycle, which was going straight with its light and siren going," the lieutenant said.

Ms. Cronin said her husband told her weather was not a factor in the accident. Officer Cronin had been in the department's Ford Bronco all morning, but since it was such a nice day, he took the bike out in the afternoon. The roads were dry at the time of the crash.

Ms. Cronin said

her husband was about a half mile behind Officer Charles Heseltine, who had responded in his cruiser to the same accident in Shawsheen Square, and it wasn't a case of the motorcycle being screened by the cruiser. Lt. Froburg agreed.

"My understanding is that they weren't back-to-back or close together at

all," Lt. Froburg said.

Officer Heseltine had already arrived at the Shawsheen Square crash when he heard about Officer Cronin's accident on the radio, and returned to find his partner in the road.

"He remembers waking up and there was Charlie," Ms. Cronin said of her husband.

Ms. Cronin doesn't blame the bike.

"If he'd been in a cruiser, he would still be hurt," she said.

While she doesn't disagree that motorcycles can be dangerous, Ms. Cronin said the town benefits greatly from having the two motorcycle officers. Officer Heseltine is usually riding the other bike.

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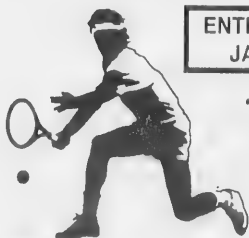
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constitute a quorum of the Board of Selectmen didn't matter, they were a quorum of the subcommittee and as such, depending on what action they were taking, may have been required to post their meetings.

Generally, if what is being discussed would lead to a decision or require a quorum, that meeting would need to be posted, Mr. Bender said. If selectmen Larsen and Barenboim were meeting to discuss what would be on the forms, or to hand out forms to other board members, they would not need to post that. But if they were meeting to discuss what went on the forms, in other words, discussing the manager's performance, then that may have required a posted meeting.

The evaluation itself must be done at a public meeting, Mr. Bender said. The contract negotiation can be done in an executive session, he said.

"They're pretty close to the line, knowingly or unknowingly, because they didn't know they were a subcommittee," he said. "And it sounds as if the problem was brought to their attention soon enough that they were able to stop before they really did anything wrong."

From the 'they need a maid' department

By Neil Fater

The School Building Committee has tentatively scheduled a ground-breaking ceremony on the Andover High School construction project for Tuesday, Jan. 3. The start of construction will slightly lighten the load of the building committee, say officials.

However, committee members already have more minutes than they know what to do with.

The building committee has not approved the recorded minutes from any of its meetings since Sept. 8. Including Tuesday's meeting, the committee has had at least 15 meetings since it last approved minutes. It plans to catch up at its meeting Monday evening.

"We need to spend anywhere from an hour to two hours of doing meeting minutes. I have all my comments. I'm assuming everyone else has theirs," said Jim Marsh, committee chairman.

Monday's meeting will be devoted solely to the approval of minutes and invoices, said Mr. Marsh.

Recording secretaries are paid \$100 per meeting they attend.

EARLY DEADLINES

The Townsman issues of Dec. 29 and Jan. 5 have early ad and news deadlines. Please see page 3 for details. Call the Townsman at 508-475-1943 if you still have questions.

Not official

Mr. Bender said he was asked for guidance on what the subcommittee could and couldn't do, and he did not investigate the matter officially or more fully.

If he did do an investigation, and

if he found meetings on the evaluation process had been held illegally, Mr. Bender said he would have required that the process be done again in a public meeting. But since that is what the board had planned to do anyway, and what they at least

started to do Monday night, there was no reason to consider a further investigation, he said.

"I wasn't too concerned whether they had done it wrong because it didn't sound like they did anything wrong," he said.

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The Andover Garden Club decorated the Historical Society's period rooms for a holiday open house last weekend. The Keltic Kids, brothers and sister, provided the rich sounds of traditional Irish music while guests enjoyed homemade refreshments. Daniel Murphy (left) plays the bodhran, Gráinne plays fiddle, and Patrick plays tinwhistle.



Patrick Murphy performs traditional Irish dances while his brother and sister accompany him at the Andover Historical Society's holiday open house last weekend.

Photos by Lisa Adelsberger



From left, Katie Cole, Jessica Ellis, Asya Sivora and Anna Radocchia, members of Kids Interested in Something Different, made homemade refreshments for guests at the open house.



Asya Sivora and Anna Radocchia watch the Keltic Kids perform. Other members of Kids Interested in Something Different (not pictured) are Beibhinn O'Donoghue, Barbara Rotundo and Anne Barmetter.



The Andover Senior Center held a silent auction in Old Town Hall last weekend. Here Rita Carrier (right) explains the auction-bidding process to Andover resident Grace Bird. There were three raffles as well.



Martha Doyle writes down her silent bid for a *Star Wars* action-figure case at the Senior Center's silent auction in Old Town Hall. Several local businesses auctioned gift certificates good at their stores.

ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 15

Andover Community Theatre auditions, for three one-act plays, roles available for several adults, a 15-year-old girl and a 13-year-old boy, at West Elementary school auditorium; 7 p.m., auditions may prepare a short monologue.

Younger Children's Christmas party, ages 3 to 7, featuring Acorn the Elf and Santa Claus, at The Great House, Castle Hill, Ipswich, 3:30 p.m., Betsy Hathaway, 356-4351.

Winter concert, performance by West Middle School students, at West Middle School, 7:30 p.m., 470-3800.

FRIDAY, DEC. 16

Christmas bake sale, sponsored by the Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Contra dance, with a caller and live music, at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St.; 7:45, beginners basic instruction, 8 p.m., dancing begins; \$5, 474-4273.

Winter concert, performance by Andover High School chorus and madrigal singers, Collins Center, 7:30 p.m., 470-3800.

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

Lucile Foster, Andover resident, will be signing copies of her book, *Lucy the Cat*, at Waldenbooks, 33 Main St., 9 to 11 a.m., 475-8877.

Buffy Katz, author, signing copies of *The Best of Buffy's Bakery*; also, a cookie-tasting, at Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St., 2 to 4 p.m., 475-0143.

Mistletoe sale, to benefit Cub Scout Pack 77, in front of the Andover Savings Bank and Old Post Hall, 20 Main St., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 475-0143.

Christmas walk, sponsored by the Andover United Methodist Church, 1100 Main St., 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Andover United Methodist Church, 1100 Main St., 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 475-0143.

day, Dec. 15, Lomer Pothier, 475-5228.

Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by the Andover Center Association, at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., breakfast and a photo with Santa, \$5, 474-5079.

SUNDAY, DEC. 18

Walk on the Ipswich River wildlife sanctuary, sponsored by the Massachusetts Audubon Society, for children ages 3-6 and their families, Topsfield, \$6 adults, \$4 children; preregistration required, 887-9264.

Evelyn M. Finnegan, author, signing copies of *My Little Friend Goes to a Baseball Game*, at Waldenbooks, Andover Center, 33 Main St., 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Christmas pageant, re-enactment of the Christmas story, at the arch in front of the cemetery opposite West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Rd., 5 p.m., Mary Stewart, 475-3528.

Carols from the Angels, performance by the Treble Chorus of New England, featuring Andover residents Shannon Canavin, Marcus DeLoach and Alyssa Sullivan, at Old South Church, Copley Square, Boston, 5 p.m.; \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and students, \$5 children 12 and under, \$25 pre-concert lecture and reception follow; 664-4705.

MONDAY, DEC. 19

Winter concert, performance by South Elementary school students, at South Elementary School, 7:30 p.m., 470-3800.

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

Winter concert, performance by West Elementary school students, at West Elementary School, 7:30 p.m., 470-3800.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

Winter concert, performance by Doherty Middle School students,

at Doherty Middle School, Bartlett St., 7:30 p.m., 470-3800.

SATURDAY, DEC. 24

Christmas eve candlelight service, traditional celebration of the Christmas event in music, message and candles, Andover Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m., open to the public, Thomas Goldthwaite, 475-0166.

ONGOING Museums and Historic Homes

Addison Gallery of American Art, 1/4-inch Scale: Models of American Sailing Ships, each model in collection represents an authentic vessel in uniform 1/4-inch-1-foot scale, exhibit includes: *Santa Maria, Mayflower, Half Moon* and many others; three other exhibits are *Greetings From the Artists: Revisited*, Philip Guston's *Poem-Pictures*, and *Within this Garden: Photographs by Ruth Thorne Thomsen*; at Phillips Academy, Tuesdays through Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 1-5 p.m., closed Mondays and national holidays; free and open to the public; Duncan Will 749-4015.

Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., *New Years Eve: 1945 and Gothic Revival: The Only Proper Style*, Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday until 8:30 p.m.; Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum guided tours Monday Saturday 1-3 p.m. and Wednesday, 5-8:30 p.m.; 475-2236.

Lowell National Historic Park, ongoing programs (closed Dec. 25 and 26, and Jan. 1 and 2):

Art of the Draftsman: 19th Century Plans and Drawings from the Lowell House and the Lowell House, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Phillips Academy, at the 100 East John St.

Lowell: The Industrial Revolution, a multimedia slide show, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Lowell House, 100 East John St.

ket St., 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., free; *Working People exhibit*, Visitor Center, Wednesday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., free; *Boott Cotton Mills Museum*, weave room and interactive exhibits, 400 Foot of John St., weekdays 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., \$3 adults, youths 6-16 \$1, senior discount, children under 5 free; 970-5000.

New England Quilt Museum, holiday quilt exhibition, "Celebrations of the Season," also, antique quilts in the museum period rooms, at 18 Shattuck St., Lowell, through Saturday, Dec. 31; hours, Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday noon to 4 p.m.; \$3 adults, students and seniors \$2; 452-4207.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Corn Hills on Cape Cod: Archeological Investigations at Sandy's Point, Yarmouth, Massachusetts, through Dec. 17, Phillips Academy, Tuesday through Friday noon-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; free and open to the public; 749-4490.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, Greetings From the Artists: Revisited, an exhibition first presented in 1959 of more than seventy Christmas cards received by the former staff of the Gallery from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s, through Jan. 6; three other exhibits are *1/4" Scale: Models of American Sailing Ships*, through Jan. 15, Philip Guston's *Poem-Pictures*, and *Within this Garden: Photographs by Ruth Thorne Thomsen*; at Phillips Academy, Tuesdays through Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 1-5 p.m., closed Mondays and national holidays; free and open to the public; Duncan Will 749-4015.

A Day in the Life: Living With HIV/AIDS, an exhibit of photographs presented by the Boston Public Library, through Sunday, Dec. 24, at the Laura Knott Art

Gallery, Bradford College, 320 S. Main St., Bradford; Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1 to 6 p.m.; free and open to the public.

Denise D'Amato, photographs on display at Perfection Framing, 213 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, through December, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Valerie Little (603) 434-7939.

Earl Parent, exhibition of paintings at Shawmut Bank, Shawshen Plaza, through December.

Latino Life, exhibit featured in the atrium gallery at Northern Essex Community College's Lawrence Campus, 45 Franklin St., through December, 374-3862.

Main Street by Dorothy Piercy, Ford's Coffee Shop mural, is being restored and will be on view in the lobby of town offices; send donations for restoration to Ford's Mural Fund, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

Photoglyphs: Gerlovina & Gerlovin, exhibit portraying political tension and layered meaning, at the gallery at Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, through Jan. 6, open to the public every Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., 374-3731.

Theatre

The Andover Symphony Bus, sponsored by the members of the Boston Symphony Association of Volunteers; leaves for the Friday afternoon concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra from the corner of Phillips and Main streets, 10 a.m. Fridays; information may be obtained from Carol Leavitt or Sarah Warren of Andover.

A Christmas Carol, at North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, from Dec. 9 through Dec. 23, call for times

PA showing artists' holiday greeting cards

More than 70 Christmas cards designed and created by artists will be shown at Addison Gallery of American Art on the campus of Phillips Academy during the holiday season.

The show, called "Greetings from the Artists: Revisited," extends through Friday, Jan. 6.

The cards are original works created by the artists especially as Christmas cards. The cards were made during the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s and sent to the

former staff of the Addison Gallery. Many contain personal messages that attest to the close relationships between artists, the gallery and museum.

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Above left, local sculptor Beverly Darling poses with Andover resident David Rountree, 6. The bust on the pedestal is one Ms. Darling made of David. Above right, sisters Alice Clancy of North Reading and Virginia Sweeney of Andover enjoy two of her other sculptures, a bust of Tommy Cox and one called *Peter and the Bird*. The art show was held at Old Town Hall last weekend, sponsored by the Andovers Artists Guild.

Artist produces lifelike portrait-busts

The Andover Historical Society presents portrait-busts of children by Beverly Darling at the Prescott House in North Andover. Traveling exhibits are one of the many offerings from Andover's historical museum and research center.

Ms. Darling's portrait-busts of children and adults are well-known, organizers said. The collection on display goes through several steps before each piece can be seen: first, the artist molds them in plasticene (a material similar to clay); then, she sends them to a commercial studio to be molded, cast in plaster and given a bronze patina.

Others have been cast in bronze like the one in the photograph.

Prescott House is open every day. There are two special displays at the Andover Historical Society in addition to the early 19th-century period rooms. The society is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Gothic Revival: The Only Proper Style" focuses on Gothic Revival architecture in Andover, home furnishings and personal accessories from this 19th-century style. "Costumes from the Collection: New Year's Ever-1945" commemorates the closing of the 50th anniversary of World War II.

Treble Chorus features 3 local soloists

The Treble Chorus of New England will perform a Christmas concert Sunday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m. at The Old South Church in Boston.

The concert will feature three soloists from Andover. Baritone Marcus DeLoach, and sopranos Alyssa Sullivan and Shannon Canavin will sing the solos in Buxtehude's *Cantata*

Domino, and Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Canavin will perform the solos in Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*.



Marcus DeLoach
baritone

Mr. DeLoach attended Andover High School and is now studying voice at The Juillard School of Music in New York. Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Canavin attended Phillips Academy. Ms. Sullivan is studying voice

and music education at Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y. Ms. Canavin is finishing her undergraduate

studies at The New England Conservatory where she is studying voice with D'Anna Fortunato.

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Frosty Follies, dinner show and dancing, through Dec. 18, at the Playhouse Dinner Theatre, 194 Main St., Amesbury, call for times and prices, 388-9444.

Holiday Memories, a holiday performance of *The Thanksgiving Visitor* and *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote, at Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, through Dec. 23, call for times and prices, 454-3926.

Sorry! Wrong Chimney! at Giordano's Starlite Dinner Theatre, Route 97, Georgetown, Dec. 1-18, call for times and prices, 352-7300.

Meetings

AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group, for mothers and other family mem-

bers of people who are HIV-positive or who have AIDS, meets twice a month; call AIDS Action of Andover for information 470-2622.

Amnesty International, Merrimack Valley Chapter; meets every second Tuesday of the month, in room 310 on the 3rd floor, Merrimack College Library, 730 p.m.; Debbie, 683-0737.

Greater Lawrence Camera Club, Wednesdays, Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover, 7:30 p.m.; Faith Morgida 687-2377, Richard Morton 664-3140.

Israeli folk dancing, lessons weekly, Temple Emanuel, Sundays, 7 p.m., \$3; Orit Goldstein 475-3133, or Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation 688-0466.

Merrimack Valley Chapter of Embroiders Guild, third Tuesday of the month, Lee Oullette 458-6183 or Jane McCord 942-1349.

Mother of Twins Club, monthly general

meeting, Saugus YMCA, 298 Main St., Saugus, 7:30 p.m., Allene Crusco (617) 245-3556 or Katie Monahan 664-4545.

Parents Anonymous, meets weekly in Haverhill, Lowell, and Lawrence; no fees or dues; 1-(800) 882-1250.

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Merrimack Valley Chapter, monthly meeting, at the North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Parents without Partners Minuteman Chapter #817, Newcomers orientation meeting, second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, Royal Hawaiian Restaurant, 34 Cambridge St. (Route 3 south), Burlington, 7:30 p.m.; 667-6834 or Sharon Johnson (617) 272-8785.

Shakespeare reading group, meets on the first and third Wednesday nights each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Activities room, Memorial Hall Library; Douglas

Buchanan 474-0332.

Square-dancing, every Monday; Amvets Hall, Primrose Street, Haverhill; 8 p.m., Grace 373-3932, Eddie 774-7266.

Writers' group, Northern Essex Community College library, Elliot Room, every Thursday, 7 p.m.; free; (603) 898-6332.

Auditions

Andover Community Theatre, auditions for three one-act plays, roles available for several adults, a 15-year-old girl and a 13-year-old boy, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at West Elementary school auditorium; auditioners may prepare a short monologue.

Children

Playful People, non-profit drop-in playground; meets weekly at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; meets every Thursday, 9:30 to 11 a.m.; \$1 donation per mom or dad or caregiver, \$1 for each child over 9 months; Joanie

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staff. This exhibition was carefully saved and collected by the Addison and first presented 35 years ago, in December 1959.

Today, when commercial cards are widely available and few people create their own, these original works by well-known artists establish a standard of originality and excellence, organizers said.

"In this exhibition, the Christmas cards form an interesting survey of artistic expression. Among those represented are Edward Hopper, Walt Disney, Stuart Davis, Josef Albers, Ben Shahn, George Constant, John Begg, Chaim Gross, Fannie Hillsmith, Gregory Kepes, Lawrence Kupferman and others," they said.

The Addison Gallery is open to the

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tion, managed to break free of the ice by flapping its wings. The swan only flew about 50 feet, then settled back onto the ice, where it seemed quite comfortable, according to Deputy Boush, so firefighters did not pursue it any farther.

Mr. Nader said he first came across the swan three weeks ago when police received reports of the waterfowl being on South Main Street. Not knowing where it came from, Officer Nader captured the swan, then released it at Fosters Pond, the largest body of open water in the area.

He later learned it was one of two swans that belonged to Donna Ying, of 22 Moreland Ave., who had released the pair into a pond, Holt's Pond, on her property. Since the swan showed up in Fosters Pond, several residents have called police concerned for its safety.

John McClellan, of 332 S. Main St., has also expressed concern about the other swan that is still at Holt's Pond. Mr. McClellan is concerned that the swan will have no food once the pond freezes, or that it will be run down and killed by foxes or coyotes. Mr. McClellan said he believes the swans' wings have been clipped, which would limit their flying capability.

Ms. Ying could not be reached this week for comment on what she planned to do with the remaining swan, or if she planned to try and capture the swan at Fosters Pond.

In a letter to Mr. McClellan, Peter Mirick, wildlife biologist with the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, said swans are not native

to this area and that it is illegal to release them in this state without a permit from the fisheries division.

"Mute swans present a threat to native species (particularly waterfowl) and certain wetland habitats, and we have no desire to encourage their survival," Mr. Mirick wrote.

He said it is the owner's responsibility to care for swans that are kept as pets, and that if the swans were abandoned, one option would be to "let nature take its course."

"This may seem cruel, but remember that thousands of wild animals die of exposure every winter, and these swans do not belong here," he said.

A spokesperson for Massachusetts Audubon said last week that swans can make a hole in the ice with their beak to get to the weeds on the bottom of a pond for their food, and that as long as there is some open water, they could survive the winter.

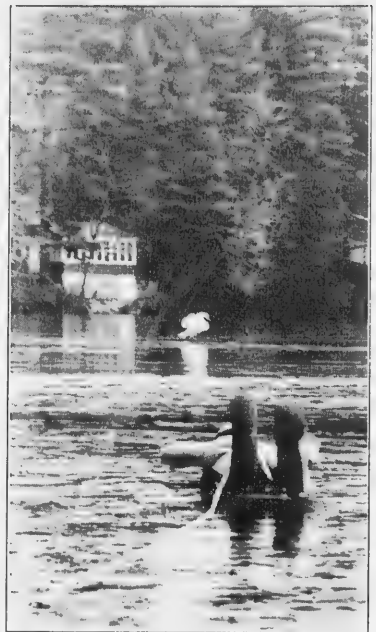


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Andover firefighter Matthew Burke works his way out on Fosters Pond Tuesday morning while trying to rescue a swan. He is dressed in a "dry suit" designed for icy waters.

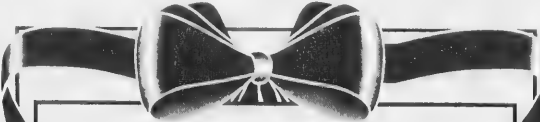


Animal Control Officer Wayne Nader, from left, Firefighter Don Hincley and Firefighter Matt Burke discuss rescue plans Tuesday morning at Fosters Pond.

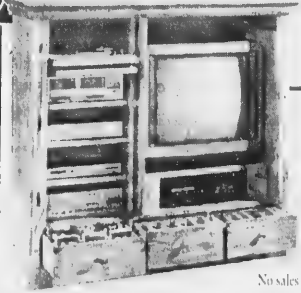


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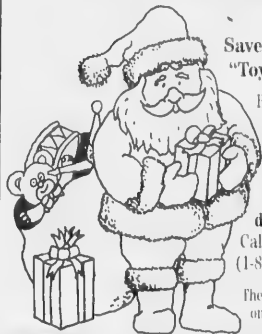
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Concerns about the low bidder

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have worked with Congress. On a scale of one to 10, with 10 as the highest, these officials gave Congress scores of 10, 8 and 5 for cooperativeness.

Two said they would work with Congress again, while one said he or she would not.

One representative said Congress kept to the construction schedule and two said it did not, although one admitted the problems were not created by Congress.

"I'd say they're a little better than average," said Ms. Lappin, referring to the scores. "No one gave me any reason why I wouldn't want to work with them."

Charles Willse, the project architect, said he "talked to the representative who gave all the negative comments and he did say the owner was a difficult person to work with."

Congress is currently working on another state school with Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates, the High School architectural

company.

Stone Building received higher ratings than Congress.

All four people interviewed said they would work with Stone Building again. For cooperativeness, Stone received three 10s and a 9. Stone remained on schedule for three of the four projects and on the last project the reference

said Stone "slipped a bit, but that was due to winter," according to Ms. Lappin.

"But again, with personalities, you never know how people will relate to one another," she said. "We got better-than-average

comments on the personnel themselves (who will work on the Andover project) and that is the most important thing."

Stone/Congress will have its own full-time project manager, a secretary, a superintendent and an assistant superintendent on the site.

'I have a number of concerns. It's a joint venture. Joint ventures are very difficult. It's tough enough to deal with one contractor.'

**Jim Marsh,
committee chairman**

Jerry Silverman was on deadline, too

When the *Townsmen* phoned Salem High School on deadline Wednesday mid-day, to check some information with Andover Selectman Jerry Silverman, who is acting principal there, the person answering the

telephone said, "We're short in the kitchen and he's making sandwiches."

Asked when he might be reached, the woman answered, "After the lunch hour."

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AHS SPORTS

Boys B-ball to shoot for division championship

By Rick Harrison

They are the consensus pick to win a third straight Merrimack Valley Conference Large School Division championship. And why not?

The 1994-95 Andover High boys varsity basketball team returns four of five starters from a squad that went 14-1 en route to the league title, 17-3 during the regular season, and 18-4 overall including a 67-57 Eastern Mass. Division I North Tournament victory over James Perry and the Malden Catholic Lancers.

"We've been very successful the past two years, and it's only natural people see what we have coming back and expect it again," said sixth-year head coach Dave Fazio. "We have a very strong nucleus, but it will be hard to replace that one key person we lost. Everyone is going to have to step up his game another notch and play at the next level."

The sorely-missed graduate is MVC Player-of-the-Year Kirk Stockwood, still a Warrior but now a freshman starter in the Merrimack College backcourt. Last year Stockwood inherited the throne previously occupied by Mike Roberts, Sean Ryan and Matt Perry, a parade of sharpshooting backcourt whiz kids that propelled the always-successful AHS hoop program to new heights. He upheld the tradition, leading Andover with 388 points last winter including 53 three-point field goals and 109 free throws. He also had 229 points as a junior and 118 as a sophomore to finish his Andover High career with 735 points.

Two other graduates from last year's squad were Frank Paone (attending Fairfield University) and J.J. McCormick (Providence College), exceptional role players whose talents will also be missed.

Everyone's big game

"Everyone will be gunning for us again this year," said coach Fazio. "Andover is everyone's big game, whether we're talking about Dracut or Lowell. We've worked extremely hard the past five years to get to this point, and we have high expectations once again."

The Golden Warriors also have an unusually long time to prepare for this year's opener. Andover will continue to practice and scrimmage for 28 days before they begin the campaign in earnest on Monday, Dec. 26 at the annual Greater Lawrence Christmas Festival. In a normal year the pre-season lasts about 2 1/2 weeks, which is not enough time to get ready. But four weeks may be too much time.

"It's by far the latest any of my teams has ever started," said coach Fazio. "It would be perfect next year, when we return to square one with a young and inexperienced team."

"This year we have seven senior veterans that are already tired of listening

to me at practice. No matter how many times you scrimmage, even if you play a zillion quarters of basketball, until you put on the jersey and play a game that counts, it just isn't the same."

"On the plus side we'll have more plays and defenses than ever before in our repertoire by the season opener," noted coach Fazio. "On the minus side, you never want to go into the Christmas Tournament without at least one game under your belt."

"That's why last year's opener against New Bedford, even though we lost it (75-64), did us a lot of good."

Andover's XMas tourney lidlifter will be against archrival Methuen at 6:30 p.m. at Merrimack College. It's an interesting pairing because both teams will be looking to avenge key losses last season. The Golden Warriors nipped Methuen 61-60 in the 1993 Christmas Festival championship game, when a last-second shot by the Rangers bounced off the rim. But Methuen later turned the tables by ending Andover's season last February, upsetting the locals 56-53 in overtime during the second round of the Division I North Sectional Tournament.

"Last year we had a terrific season, but the tournament loss to Methuen left a bitter taste in everyone's mouth," said coach Fazio. "We're approaching this season with a different philosophy. Instead of setting goals to win the league, the Christmas Tournament and the State Tournament, our main thrust will be to play as hard as we can for every minute of every game."

"We want 160 minutes of quality time every night. That's five guys on the floor all playing hard for 32 minutes. Five times 32 equals 160," explained Fazio. "If we do that everything should fall into place."

"There's no extra pressure on these guys to prove anything. They've already been very successful and kept Andover as a top-quality program."

Personnel

The impressive list of returning veterans is headed by senior captains Eric Danis, a 6-foot senior forward/guard, and Tom Tanin, a 6-foot guard. Danis, a skywalker who can leap through the roof, is on track to score 1,000 career points this winter. Danis poured through 335 points last year and 279 as a sophomore, giving him a varsity total of 614. That leaves him 386 shy of the milestone, and by averaging 20 points over a 20-game season he will join the exclusive 1,000 point club.

It's a reachable goal. But it's also an individual quest that must not become a distraction to the team.

Tanin has been the unsung hero playing in the shadow of his more-publicized mates. His value is measured by his versatility. He scores (299 points the last two years), helps Danis off the boards, sets up teammates with crisp passes and play tenacious defense.

The big men inside include another third-year player, senior 6'5" forward/center Matt Gibson, and senior 6'6" forward/center Cris Brown. Left-hander Gibson, who pumped in 270 points last season and has 370 for his career, is also an aggressive glass cleaner and shotblocker. Brown is ready to blossom as a scorer after spending the past two seasons concentrating on rebounding and defense.

Senior guard Eric Thompson (5'10"), fresh off an outstanding football season where he rushed for over 800 yards, could work his way into the regular starting lineup. He was a spot starter last year who played outstanding defense and chipped in with some offense (54 points).

"These guys have all paid their dues and now it's their time to shine," noted coach Fazio.

Other returning lettermen are senior guard Paul Cassidy (6'0"), junior forward Paul McNeice (6'6") and junior point-guard Pat Sharkey (5'10").

Senior forward/center Mike Leone (6'5") is new to the varsity, along with junior shooting guard Jeff Thompson (5'10"), junior guard/forward Chris Mann (6'1") and sophomore forward/center Corey McLaughlin (6'6").

There are also several promising underclassmen among the 55 original candidates, and they will be toiling with coach Bob Hatem's junior varsity squad and coach Paul Willis' freshman team.

"The JVs should be scrappy again this year with kids like (Brian) Tisbert and (Pat) Annesse looking good in practice," said coach Fazio.

As good as the Golden Warriors are, they could be even better if top prospects like Todd Harris (Phillips Academy), Justin Connors, Rick Mendez and Ken Oppenheim hadn't transferred to private schools.

Numerous scrimmages

With so much pre-season lag time it's logical the Golden Warriors would line up as many scrimmages as possible. They've already faced Division I Middlesex League powerhouse Belmont, which boasts a 6'10" center, Merrimack and Nashua, N.H., Melrose and South Boston High. The final scrimmage is this Saturday against Bishop Guertin of Nashua, N.H., and a Blue-Gold intra-squad battle is in the offing at next Wednesday's "Meet The Team Night."

"We keep traveling north and south of the border, trying to stay sharp," said coach Fazio with a laugh.

"We've seen just about every kind of opponent imaginable. Belmont was big and strong, Melrose showed us a lot of zone defense, and Nashua gave us a pretty good all-around test."

"All this time also gives me a chance to do some scouting. Everyone else starts this week, so you can bet I'll be

Meet the Team Night

The Andover High basketball team coaches and players will host the annual "Meet The Team Night" next Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the AHS Dunn gymnasium.

The 90-minute program is open to the public free of charge.

Posters and schedule cards will be given out. Varsity head coach Dave Fazio and his staff will answer questions and run through a typical practice session. The varsity team will cap the evening with a Blue-Gold scrimmage game.

Andover, the two-time defending Merrimack Valley Conference Large School Division champion and reigning Greater Lawrence Christmas Festival titlist, will open its 1994-95 season on Monday, Dec. 26 against Methuen in the XMas Festival at Merrimack College (tipoff at 6:30 p.m.).

on the road seeing as many teams as possible the next two weeks."

All of which will create havoc with wife Colleen's dinner schedule. Andover should have some serious challenges this winter from Haverhill, Lowell and Methuen.

"Haverhill is scrappy and very athletic, Lowell has a new coach (veteran Tom Gallagher who succeeded Fazio at Dracut) and most of its players back from last year (except for man-child Chris Brathwaite), and Methuen has four legitimate standouts including a top transfer," said coach Fazio. "We've won a lot of close games the past two years, some in overtime and some on last-second hits and (opponent's) misses. Hopefully those bounces will continue to go our way."

Fazio record

Coach Fazio's outstanding five-year record at Andover, since taking over for Tom Ryser, is 82-31. Eighteen wins this season will give Fazio 100 at Andover. Two consecutive MVC Large School titles have been won, and the Golden Warriors had a string of 28 straight league victories snapped by a heartbreaking 66-65 loss to Lowell late last year. The locals were trying for unprecedented back-to-back perfect MVC seasons.

All five Fazio teams have qualified for the Eastern Mass. Division I North Tournament. Two have advanced to the semifinals and two as far as the quarterfinals, with the overall tourney record 8-5.

The 1991-'92 squad reached the semifinals with wins over Woburn (69-44), Salem (58-55 in overtime) and Cambridge Rindge & Latin (52-50) before being shot by Lexington (68-55). In 1992-'93 Andover eliminated Waltham (66-47) and East Boston (62-57) before bowing to Salem and Scoonie Penn, 64-54.

AHS varsity hockey launches campaign Saturday

By Rick Harrison

Proven goaltending, potential scoring power and several freshmen prospects have marked the 1994-'95 Andover High hockey team as a solid contender in the Small School Division of the Merrimack Valley Conference.

The Golden Warriors, who once again should find themselves in a two-way dogfight with Tewksbury for division honors.

The Andover High hockey team will learn very quickly where they stand after four very tough opening games in December.

Fourth-year coach Bill Cullen's crew launches the campaign this Saturday night against perennial Large School power Billerica at the Indians Hallenborg Pavilion (7 p.m.).

AHS comes right back next Wednesday with another road game at Haverhill (7 p.m.), and completes the month with two tough assignments in the first Haverhill Christmas Tournament.

AHS, playing in Division II of the tourney, battles Marian High of Framingham on Tuesday, Dec. 27 at Haverhill (5:30 p.m.).

This could be payback time as Marian bounced the locals in the first round of last year's Eastern Mass. Division II Tournament, 6-2.

Win or lose, Andover will jump from the frying pan into the fire when it meets either Dual County League juggernaut Acton-Boxboro or projected Middlesex League tri-favorite Belmont High in the final round of the Christmas tourney on Dec. 30.

"This is one of the hardest schedules in a long time for an Andover High hockey team," noted coach Cullen. "The early part of the season will be a real challenge."

Personnel

Gone from last year's team, 11-8-2 overall and MVC Small School runner-up at 7-4-2, are several key graduates

and transfers.

Right wing Scott Sullivan's ability as a scorer and setup man will be missed.

The three-year varsity player, who would have been a senior first-liner this winter, had 17 goals and 22 assists last year to follow a 12-goal, 18-assist sophomore season. He also played sparingly (one assist) as a freshman.

Sullivan has transferred to Phillips-Exeter Academy.

Center iceman Eddie Seero (4-8-12 career stats) is now at Northfield-Mt. Hermon.

The top graduates were Marc Escott (playing at Nichols College), Paul Allard (Westfield State), Bob Daley (Assumption), Matt Johnson (UMass-Amherst) and Craig Edwards.

The Golden Warriors should be sturdy in the net with senior three-year veteran Peter Afarian, senior Jason Veilleux and freshman newcomer John Hogan.

Veilleux posted two shutouts and Afarian one last year, while Afarian notched one solo shutout and combined with Phil Smith on three others during the 1992-93 season.

"Hogan has been a pleasant surprise and he's definitely pushing both Peter and Jason for playing time," said coach Cullen.

Andover has four lines and seven defensemen skating in front of the net-minding trio.

The top returning sniper is junior Gold Line left wing Chris Cullen, who should hold just about every offensive team record by the time he graduates.

The two-time MVHL All-Star has led the Warriors in scoring the past two years, collecting 22 goals and 14 assists as a freshman and 27 goals, 13 assists last winter for career totals of 49 goals, 27 assists, 76 points.

He will be joined on the Gold Line by AHS Captains Scott Munroe and Dana DiFiore.

Munroe, a senior center, has seven

goals in three seasons but missed practically all of last year. He scored two goals in four periods before suffering a broken leg early in game two against Billerica.

Senior right wing DiFiore contributed seven goals and 14 assists last year and four goals, two assists as a sophomore.

The Red Line places third-year senior right wing Todd Thistle with two varsity newcomers, sophomore center Josh Hoerner and freshman left wing Josh Prudden.

Thistle was the third leading goalscorer last season with 10, and he also passed out eight assists. He finished with three goals and two assists as a sophomore.

The Black Line has sophomore Albert Kwon centering for twin brother Robert at right wing and junior Chris Richter at left wing.

Both Albert and Robert scored two goals in 1993-94 after being elevated to the varsity early in the season.

The White Line has senior center Mike Blanchette flanked by sophomore right wing Bob Busby and freshman left wing Scott Ciruso.

The top two defensive pairings have junior three-year varsity veterans Jeff Hesenius and Jeff Mazza together, and junior third-year blueliner Brian Kwon in tandem with freshman newcomer Adam Collucci.

Jeff Hesenius contributed six goals and 11 assists last year, after distributing nine assists as a freshman, while Mazza had two goals and eight assists last year and one goal, one assist as a freshman.

Brian Kwon chipped in two goals, five assists as a sophomore and three assists as a freshman.

Sophomore Ryan Boillard, a transfer student-athlete from the Pittsburgh, Pa. area, is the fifth AHS rearguard.

Completing the defensive corps are sophomores Don Pattullo and Mike Kelly, both of whom split time between

the varsity and JV squads as freshmen. Kelly had one goal and one assist with the varsity.

"We can skate with just about any team, and the kids have shown a tremendous amount of spirit during the pre-season," said coach Cullen.

"Depth is a strong point. We have experience, and our freshmen (Prudden, Collucci, Ciruso, Hogan) are not your average freshmen because they will step in right now and do a nice job."

Pre-season scrimmages were against Woburn, Newburyport, New Hampshire Division I power Bishop Guertin and Bishop Fenwick in the Methuen Jamboree last weekend.

Cullen record

Coach Cullen's three-year won-loss-tied record at Andover is a solid 36-22-7.

Fourteen victories this season would give him 50 as AHS coach.

All three seasons have been winning ones, and all three have produced tournament teams whose combined record is 2-3.

The Golden Warriors went to the third round of the Division II tourney in 1991-'92, ousting Boston Latin (3-1) and Franklin (4-3 triple-overtime classic).

The tourney ended for the Warriors when they bowed to Methuen (5-0).

The tournament road has been short the past two seasons with first-round losses to Canton (6-3) and Marian (6-2).

Before following Mike Murnane at Andover, coach Cullen spent two years as an assistant at Acton-Boxboro (1972-'73), four years establishing the program as an assistant at Methuen High (1974-'77).

Then he spent 14 seasons at Wilmington High (1977-'90) where his Wildcat teams won two Merrimack Valley Conference Small School titles and qualified for the Eastern Mass. Tournament 11 times.

AHS girls soccer players earn awards at team banquet

Junior goalkeeper Meghan Lynch earned the Players MVP award, one of several major honors bestowed upon members of Andover High's championship girls varsity soccer team during the annual season-ending banquet last week at the Andover Marriott.

Lynch and junior Susan Cookson were also elected captains of the 1995 team.

In addition, Cookson was cited this season as an Eastern Mass. Coaches Division I first-team All-Star, a Massachusetts All-State Division I first-team All-Star, a *Boston Globe* first-team All-Scholastic and a *Eagle-Tribune* All-Star.

Coach Dick Loschi's Lady Warriors

recaptured the Merrimack Valley Conference title this past fall, going undefeated in league play, and finished 16-2-2 overall including a 7-0 romp over Revere in the opening round of the Eastern Mass. Division I North Sectional Tournament.

Following is a complete list of award recipients for the Andover High School girls varsity, junior varsity and freshman soccer teams:

Varsity

Coach's Award: Carolyn Vallee
Haddock Leadership Award: Kim Kelley
Corkery Award: Susan Cookson
Unsung Hero: Christine Contos
Players MVP: Meghan Lynch

Sartory Sportsmanship Award & Scholarship: Jen Griffin
Offensive MVP: Jenn Munroe

Junior Varsity

Most Valuable: Christina Pantelis
Most Improved Player: Elaine Licata
Best Midfielder: Michelle Crispo
Best Defensive Player: Samantha Witman
Best Forward: Erin Collins, Stephanie Banos

Freshman team

Most Improved: Lynne Mazza, Kristi Keller
Unsung Hero: Viki Pierce, Laura Orlando
Offensive MVP: Sarah Muller,

Courtney Barron

Defensive MVP: Charlotte Muller
Coach's Award: Barbara Contos

Varsity recognitions

MVC All-Conference: Susan Cookson, Vanessa Blank, Jenn Munroe, Meghan Lynch, Elizabeth Salvia

MVC All-Stars: Carolyn Vallee, Jen Griffin, Susan Ashlock, Christine Contos

Eastern Mass. Coaches All-Stars: Vanessa Blank, Jenn Munroe, Meghan Lynch (Division I second team)

1995 Captains Elect: Sue Cookson, Meghan Lynch

ANDOVER CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

St. Augustine A and B senior girls teams win openers

Key fourth-quarter baskets by guard Kate Gurry and Allison James lifted St. Augustine B to a 16-15 victory over St. Robert's A to highlight first-day play in the Senior Girls Division of the Andover Church Basketball League.

St. Augustine A defeated St. Robert's B, 19-11, in the other game at the Andover High gym.

St. Augustine B 16 St. Robert's A 15

Gold-clad St. Augustine B, after squandering a 10-5 halftime lead, rallied from an 11-10 deficit as Allison James hit two baskets and Kate Gurry

one at crunch time.

St. Robert's A had a chance to win it with 10 seconds left, but an inside shot narrowly missed connecting.

Gurry played a strong floor game for coach Kevin James' winners, while Nicole Menschel led SRA on the come-back trail by hitting two long shots in the third period.

Sara Thomas was a constant scoring threat from her forward position for St. Robert's A.

Gurry and James shared high scoring honors for St. Augustine B with 4 points each.

Solo second-quarter baskets were

contributed by Millie Gerstein, Lisa Verreault, Adrienne Weisner and Marissa Wolfe.

Thomas was game-high scorer for SRA with eight points. Menschel netted five and top rebounder Hillary Kelly two.

St. Augustine A 19 St. Robert's B 11

St. Augustine A, whose roster is sprinkled with experienced eighth grade players, made an impressive debut.

An 8-2 first-quarter spurt provided a lead the winners never relinquished, as seventh-grader Hilary Fitzpatrick finished game-high with eight points

and Courtney Sullivan scored all four of her points in the opening period.

Katelyn Nugent chipped in three points for coach Dave Murphy's SAA crew, while Alexis Miminis and Susan Provencher had two each.

Katie Witman and Mary Ardini sparked St. Robert's B with four points each, Andrea Campbell had a first-quarter basket and Siobhan Daniels one free throw.

Coaches

Two former ACBL and Andover High players, 1994 college graduates Kara Slavin and Diane Castignoli, are coaching the St. Robert's B and St. Robert's A girls teams respectively.

Boys senior division basketball teams commence play

Two one-point games, both ending with the same 26-25 score, sparked a highly-competitive first round of play in the Senior Boys Division of the Andover Church Basketball League.

St. Robert's C nipped Ballardvale United, 26-25. St. Augustine D edged Temple Emanuel, 26-25. St. Augustine A trimmed St. Robert's B, 34-29, and St. Robert's A toppled St. Augustine C, 28-15, in games at the West Middle School gym.

St. Robert's C 26 Ballardvale United 25

Tommy McLaughlin hit an 18-foot shot with one minute to play as St. Robert's C, last year's undefeated Intermediate Division champs, pulled out the pulsating victory.

McLaughlin's bucket was the only field goal by the winners in the fourth quarter, after Ballardvale had erased a 23-19 third-period deficit with a 6-1 run.

Ballardvale missed the potential winning shot, and then SRC's elusive and quick guard Matt Kobelski dribbled out the final 36 seconds to preserve the win.

BU, with a decided height advantage, controlled both boards and 5'9" lefty Andy Gilmore pocketed several nice inside shots while guard Brad Stubenhaus directed the offense.

St. Robert's was unable to penetrate

and scored almost exclusively on outside shots.

McLaughlin (5'7") led SRC with 10 points, Kobelski added nine, Sean Thomann, five and Mike Kontos, two.

Gilmore was game-high with 11 points for Ballardvale.

Kyle Lenner and Rives Borland added four each while Nick Fitzpatrick, Will Reynolds and Stubenhaus scored two apiece.

St. Robert's C won it at the free throw line, hitting 8-of-18 charities to Ballardvale's 5-of-9.

St. Augustine D 26 Temple Emanuel 25

St. Augustine D led most of the way, including 21-16 entering the fourth quarter, but Temple's Adam Silevitch made it interesting with a strong seven-point second half.

The winners were anchored by husky Matt Leonard (5'10"), while Temple's huge 6'1" Jeff Newman was a constant inside threat for his team.

Leonard was the only player in double figures, scoring 10 points, while Frank Fitzpatrick added seven, Bobby Heitz four, Ryan Nugent three and Jamie Farrah two for St. Augustine's D.

Silevitch finished with nine points for Temple, Newman had a bucket in each quarter for eight points, Mike Gibson four, Andy Bellistri two and Josh Garick a pair of free throws.

St. Augustine A 34 St. Robert's B 29

Guard Steve Arsenault propelled St. Augustine A to an early lead, scoring six points in the first quarter on three outside shots.

Mark Rocca of St. Robert's B was on the front end of several fast-break layups in the third period, as his club battled back from an 18-11 halftime deficit to trail only 24-21 entering the final stanza.

The rivals then traded baskets down the stretch as SAA held on for the triumph.

Charles Daher (5'11") and Andrew Ormsby (6'0") of SRB contended with Brian Anderson (5'10"), St. Augustine A's imposing inside force, in a rugged battle for control of the boards.

The winners' Brian Kramer hit a couple of clutch shots in the fourth quarter, while Ben Mertes scored the final four SAA points in the final minutes with the score 30-27.

Forwards Jonathan McHugh and Matt Brooks contributed strong efforts for St. Robert's B.

Anderson led seven SAA players into the scoring column with a game-high 10 points. Arsenault had six, Kramer five, Mertes and Greg Rybicki four each, Jim Newell three and Gary Nicholson two free throws.

Rocca paced the balanced St. Robert's B attack with eight points, McHugh and Brooks netted six each,

Daher three, and single buckets were scored by Ryan Nelson, Matt Schrader and Ormsby.

Both teams finished with 14 field goals, but SAA held a pivotal 6-1 scoring edge at the charity stripe.

St. Robert's A 28 St. Augustine C 15

St. Robert's A, with four returning players from last year's undefeated team, inched ahead 10-8 at the half and then wore St. Augustine C down over the final two quarters.

St. Augustine C, a young team comprised mostly of seventh-graders, played well in its Senior Division debut.

Rich Sheldon led eight players into the St. Robert's A scoring column with seven points, all in the second half.

Bob Rawlinson netted six points, Chris King five (all in second period), Kevin Barry four, Jarrod Connors and Nick Lurger two each, Matt James and Nishant Mehta one free throw apiece.

Mark Herling paced SAC with five points, Matt Antaya had three, Matt Kish two, Ben Urbelis two, Mike Lewis two and Andy Fitzgerald a free throw.

Veteran members of last year's SAA title team are Kevin Barry, Jarrod Connors, Jesse Gallagher and Bob Rawlinson.

Andover's Matt Adams leads Merrimack College in hockey

Senior forward Matt Adams of Andover leads the Merrimack College hockey team in scoring through 15 goals.

He has earned nine assists for 17 points.

Included in Adams total were a two-goals, two-assist effort against the

UMass-Amherst team recently, and his first career hat trick to spark a 5-2 win over Salem State.

He also scored the second goal in a 3-3 overtime tie with undefeated, top-ranked University of Maine last weekend at the S. Peter Volpe Complex on

the Merrimack College campus in North Andover.

The Warriors second line of Matt Adams-Rob Beck and Casey Kesselring has accounted for 42 points in 14 games (22 goals, 20 assists).

This is 32 percent of the team's offense.

Attention families of youth sports players:

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SPORTS TALK

Eddie Seero of Andover was recently presented the 12th Player Award, and he also received his varsity letter for his contributions to the 1994 Northfield-Mt. Hermon football team.

Seero, a sophomore transfer from Andover High, scored two touchdowns while playing at tailback, cornerback and on special teams for the New England Division I Prep School champions.

Seero was used primarily in a reserve role for senior-laden NMH, which finished with a 7-2-0 record and defeated Kent School in the New England title game.

A football, hockey and baseball player while at AHS, Seero will practice with the Northfield-Mt. Hermon varsity hockey team and play with the junior varsity this winter.

He intends to play baseball in the spring.

Erin Sullivan of Andover is a senior co-captain for the Middlebury College women's varsity squash team.

Middlebury recently opened its season with a 7-2 victory over Tufts University, Sullivan earning the first point with a 3-0 shutout victory over her Lady Jumbos opponent.

Chris Cashman of Andover is a sophomore forward on the Plymouth State College 1994-'95 varsity ice hockey team.

Marc Escott of Andover is a freshman forward on the Nichols College 1994-'95 varsity ice hockey team.

Former Andover High hoop star Sean Ryan lit up the Costello Gymnasium at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell last week, pouring through a game-high 28 points for visiting St. Anselm College as the Hawks (4-2) dropped a tough 83-79 decision to the host River Hawks.

Ryan, who transferred from Division I Monmouth College in New Jersey, was making his first official appearance in a Merrimack Valley area gym since he scored 502 points for Andover High during the 1991-'92 season en route to being named the Massachusetts Division I Player-of-the-Year.

Ryan's net-blistering effort against UMass-Lowell almost brought his team back from a 15-point 43-28 half-time deficit.

Starting guard Sean was 7-for-9 from three-point range and 8-for-12 overall from the floor. He also hit 5-of-7 free throws, pulled down five rebounds, passed out three assists and had two steals while playing 37 of the game's 40 minutes.

Lisa Allen of Andover, a senior at Bridgewater State College, has been named to the MASCAC All Conference first team.



Tyler Prudden

A member of the elite shooting team, Tyler, age 12, began shooting several years ago at summer camps and studies at the Boston Hill Archery Center in North Andover, where his instruction is in the Junior Olympic Archery Development program.

Tyler qualified as a Master Archer in the spring of 1994 and Expert this past summer. An Expert must achieve a score of 270 out of 300.

He placed seventh in the National Archery Festival in spring 1994 and placed fourth in the Bay State Games this past summer.

The Doherty Middle School seventh-grader competes in the Junior Compound with Release category.

Local resident Brittany Weeks, racing in Coca-Cola Jr. NASTAR (National Standard Race) in the 1993-'94 season, placed second among all of Massachusetts 1-4 year-old-girls, making her one of the fastest ski racers in the state.

Weeks earned a season best handicap of 111 while skiing at Bradford Ski Area. That score means she was just 111 percent behind NASTAR National Pacesetter and U.S. Ski Team member

Daron Rahlves, who currently holds NASTARS best handicap, a zero. Coca-Cola Jr. NASTAR racers can compare their handicaps to Rahlves' or to any U.S. Ski Team member, including Olympic medalists Tommy Moe, Diann Roffe-Steinrotter and Picabo Street.

Each season, Coca-Cola Jr. NASTAR ranks the top recreational racers nationally and in all 50 states. Winners are listed on special rankings posters distributed nationwide, and first-place

Tyler Prudden, 23 Enfield Drive, won the state Indoor Championship in archery, in the 12-14 division, this past weekend, in Franklin. He competed in a field of approximately 100 archers.

state winners receive a free state champion Bula headband and Obermeyer lip balm.

NASTAR, a *SKI Magazine* program, is offered at 180 ski areas in 32 states and is open to recreational ski racers of every age and ability level. Racers are timed on a modified slalom course and given a score or handicap. The handicap system allows racers to compare themselves to other NASTAR racers across the U.S. and to earn bronze, silver or gold medals every day they race.



Becky Levine

Sophomore Becky Levine of Andover and an Andover High School graduate, walked on the Wisconsin women's soccer team her sophomore year. She did not receive any game-playing time but was a solid scrimmage player.

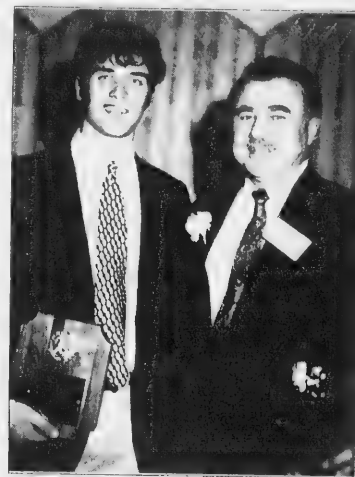
Levine played forward at Andover High School and was a four-year soccer letterwinner. In 1992, she earned all-conference honors and her school's athlete-of-the-month award.

Wisconsin compiled a 16-6 record and reached the NCAA tournament for the sixth time in the last seven years. The Badgers' regular season schedule featured five 1994 NCAA tournament teams and wins over three of them: William & Mary, St. Mary's and Virginia. This year's team received six all-Big Ten selections, eight academic all-Big Ten honorees, four Big Ten Players of the Week and four SoccerAmerica Team of the Week selections.

The 13th annual Boston Park League Awards Banquet was recently held at Lombardo's in Randolph. This amateur baseball league, America's oldest, included two Andover winners. Todd Murray, son of Jim and Ellen Bedford of 10 Stevens Circle, was the recipient of the Bill Benson Memorial Rookie of the Year Award. The Providence College freshman right-hander was instrumental in the Larkin Club's second-place finish this summer. His record (only played second half of summer) was 4-1 with a 0.89 ERA.

During spring, Todd helped spur the Andover High School Golden Warriors to the Eastern Mass Finals in baseball with an 11-1 pitching record.

Mr. Murray's awards this year included *Eagle-Tribune* All-Star, MVP



Todd Murray, right, and Bob Powers, both of Andover, received awards at the Boston Parks League banquet recently.

Merrimack Valley (large school), *Boston Herald* All-Scholastic, Most Valuable Pitcher-Eastern MASS All-Stars, MASS All Star. He has two brothers, Tom, 24, a former Golden Warrior and Providence College baseball standout, and Tyler Bedford, 6, a future Andover baseball star.

Bob Powers of 6 Quail Run was inducted into the Boston Park League Hall of Fame. His contributions to this league include a stellar career as a ballplayer, coach and past president of the league (1990-1992). His pitching record stood at 32-13, including a number of no-hitters. His 10-year head coaching stint, with more than 250 wins, still stands as a Park League record. Mr. Powers has also served as the only three-term president during the League's 65-year history. Currently Bob is the assistant baseball coach at Boston University.

He and his wife, Susan, have three boys, Craig, 15, Derek, 11 and Doug, 9.

Lawrence YMCA winter courses

The Lawrence YMCA will offer an adult volleyball league, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 10. Coed, recreational or competitive division games will be played Tuesday and Thursday nights. Register by Saturday, Jan. 7.

The Y will offer a basketball league for men 30 years old and older. Games will be played Wednesday nights, beginning Jan. 11. The cost per player is \$45. Register by Jan. 7.

There will be an indoor rock-climbing class, beginning Jan. 4. Climbing techniques, rope safety, belaying, lead climbing and rappelling will be covered. Classes will use the recently built indoor climbing wall at the Lawrence YMCA.

For information about these programs call Craig Wilson at 686-6191.

SWIMMING

AHS boys swim team practices with Mike Spring

The Andover High School boys varsity swim team began workouts two weeks ago with two new faces and a flock of familiar ones.

The Golden Warrior Wave has a new coach this year, Mike Spring, a former high school and college swimmer with coaching experience in U.S. swimming and at the university level.

He holds bachelor's degrees in communications and elementary education and a master's degree in physiology from the University of Buffalo where he swam as an undergrad and served as an assistant coach. For a time he had his own swim team in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

The 13 lettermen returning this season are headed by senior tri-captains Chris Blongiewicz, Greg Litchfield and Dave Mazin.

Blongiewicz will contribute most in the sprint freestyle, butterfly and individual medley events.

He is a Merrimack Valley Conference, sectional and state finalist and an MVC all-star.

Litchfield enters his fourth season as one of the squad's premier divers, having scored at conference championships each year. He will also contribute in the shorter freestyle and backstroke events.

Mazin is a three-year stalwart in distance free and backstroke where he scored at MVCs and was a sectional qualifier.

Adam Schoen and Dan Hahn round out the senior contingent.

Hahn will be a force to contend with in the 200 and 500 freestyles.

Schoen, who has been a

conference, sectional and state finalist and MVC all-star since his freshman year, is another multi-event competitor.

He will swim wherever he is needed with the distance freestyles his strongest races.

The junior class is long on sprinters. Peter Bolway is a free sprint specialist who has qualified for MVCs and sectionals in individual events and in states on relays.

Joel Elswieg is another short-distance man who will help in the 50 and 100 free and make a contribution on the relays.

Also going short distance are Din Kagawala, who can double in breaststroke, and John Meli, who can also handle butterfly.

Adam Moskal and Chris Sheldon are strong men. Moskal goes in the breast-

stroke and distance free events while Sheldon is a backstroker and I.M.er who can also handle butterfly.

Both have fared at league championships and qualified for sectionals and states.

Matt Stitham, a sophomore diver, placed at MVCs and qualified for sectionals and states last year. He also can go in butterfly and free when needed.

Freshman Mark Moskal will be counted on for points wherever he swims. He, too, can handle any event.

Abby Robb, a five-year veteran of the coaching ranks, who starred on the Andover High girls team from 1981-'83, and at the University of New Hampshire, returns this year.

While at AHS, she was a sectional and state finalist, MVC all-star and a member of the 1983 medley relay which still holds the team record for the event.

Ms. Robb qualified for the

NCAA national championships at UNH.

Captain Blongiewicz looks toward the team "bettering our third-place finish in last year's MVCs."

"We've got good, strong returnees. Chelmsford is always tough but we're determined to be better than last year."

Captain Litchfield agrees. "We may not be strong in number but we have good swimmers. We're looking toward MVCs, sectionals and states."

"We have a real positive outlook," said captain Mazin, "and that will go a long way in what we can accomplish this season."

Coaches Spring and Robb are looking for any Andover High men who would be interested in competing on the team.

Practice is held Monday through Friday at the Greater Lawrence Technical School pool from 4:50-6:30 p.m.

Merrimack Valley Pirates swim at Dartmouth College meet

The Merrimack Valley Pirate swim team recently competed in a U.S. swimming meet at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

In the 10 and under boys age group, Colin Callahan-Higgins was third in the 50-yard breaststroke and sixth in the 200-yard freestyle.

Charles Kinnett placed third in the 200 free, fourth in the 100-yard free and sixth in the 200-yard individual medley.

Patrick Rulon-Miller finished fourth in the 100-yard I.M. and fifth in the 50 and 100 free, 50 and 100 back-

stroke and 50 butterfly.

Ryan Middlemiss was fifth in the 200 free and sixth in the 100 free.

In the 11-12 boys, Jim Russo captured the gold in the 50, 100- and 200-yard freestyles and placed second in the 50-yard breaststroke and 100 I.M. and third in the 100 back.

Brad Johnson won the 50 and 100 back, was third in the 50 free and fly, fourth in the 100 free and fifth in the 100 I.M.

Richard Kinnett placed third in the 100-yard breaststroke and sixth in the 50

breaststroke and 200 I.M.

Ross Clay placed fourth in the 50- and 100-yard breaststroke events.

David Caratelli was fourth in the 50 back.

Adam Kovach was fifth in the 100 fly and 200 free and sixth in the 50 fly.

Joe Sipos scored fourths in the 100 and 200 back, fifths in the 200 free and 400 I.M. and sixth in the 100 free in the 13-14 age group.

In the Senior division, David Crow took the gold in the 1,650 freestyle.

Scott Campbell was second in the 100 fly, third in

the 200 fly and 500 free, fourth in the 200 free and sixth in the 50 free.

Caitlin Geary was third in the 50 free, fifth in the 200 I.M. and sixth in the 100 and 200 free in the 10 and under girls' division.

In 11-12 girls, Meghan O'Connell was second in the 50 free and back and fourth in the 100 free and back.

Alexis Caselle was fourth in the 100-yard and sixth in the 50-yard breaststroke.

Kailyn Richard placed fourth in the 100 free and sixth in the 200 free.

Erica Douvadjian finished

sixth in the 50 free and breaststroke.

Liz Tung finished sixth in the 100 back.

Jamie Viglione placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke and fifth in the 50 and 100 free in the girls 13-14 age group.

Jackie LeMoine finished third in the 200 fly, fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke and sixth in the 100 fly.

In the Senior division, Tracie Grant placed third in the 200 free and back and fourth in the 50 free.

Amy Fischer was fourth in the 500 free and 200-yard breaststroke.

Andover Synchers team receives grant

The Andover Synchers, a synchronized swimming team from Andover, was one of four teams and 29 female athletes representing 17 sports and 18 states to receive Sudafed Travel and Training Fund grants during the third grant period of 1994.

The grants, totaling \$30,250, were announced by the Women's Sports Foundation, a nonprofit educational organization headquartered in Long Island serving girls and women in sports.

The foundation established the Travel and Training Fund in 1984 to provide direct financial assistance to aspiring athletes with successful competitive records who have the

potential to achieve even higher performance levels and rankings.

The Synchers team of 12- and 13-year-olds qualified for the 1994 U.S. Age Group championships.

Members of the team have also placed in the top 10 in the New England and Sectional Age Group championships.

In addition to a cash grant of \$1,000, each member of the team receive a Sudafed sports bag and lapel pin.

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Captured

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eral Bureau of Investigation Monday night, and charged with one count of unarmed robbery for the Nov. 4 Shawmut Bank robbery.

He was arraigned in Lawrence District Court Tuesday and was being held this week at Middleton Jail pending arraignment on charges in other jurisdictions. He also faces charges in Haverhill, Chelmsford, Methuen and Nashua, N.H., for bank robberies in those towns. He was also charged on a Chelmsford larceny warrant and an Ipswich default warrant for larceny.

Mr. Dos Santos is accused of, and allegedly admitted, robbing a Shawmut Bank in Haverhill on Oct. 12; Shawmut Bank in Andover on Nov. 4; Fleet Bank in Chelmsford Nov. 16; First Essex Bank in Haverhill Nov. 28; an attempted robbery of First Bank of New Hampshire in Nashua, N.H., on Dec. 5; and Andover Bank on Route 28 in Methuen last Monday, Dec. 5.

The "Bandaged Bandit," a nickname the suspect earned because he wore gauze bandages apparently to hide his identity, had been in the Family Bank, at 77 Main St., with the intention to rob it 30 minutes before the Nov. 4 Shawmut Bank robbery, according to Detective Donald Pattullo.

"He said the reason he didn't hit the Family Bank was because the teller was a nice lady," Detective Pattullo said.

Detectives have photos of him in the Family Bank half an hour before he robbed the Shawmut Bank.

Police obtained the identity of the suspect after run-

ning his picture in several Merrimack Valley newspapers last Friday. Police had the picture for a couple of weeks, but were afraid the suspect was not from this area and that running the photo would scare him off. But after last week's robbery in Methuen, and still unable to identify the suspect through local contacts, all the departments involved in the investigation decided to run the picture.

Merrimack Police Chief James Flynn immediately recognized Mr. Dos Santos as someone he knew and who had coached soccer in that town, and called Andover police. Then several more calls came from the Merrimack area from which police were able to piece together a background on Mr. Dos Santos, according to Detective Pattullo.

One tip led Detective Dave Grant and Gerald Mohan, special agent for the FBI, to Beverly Monday, where they learned that Mr. Dos Santos was living with a girlfriend in Peabody.

They were joined by Detectives James Hagerty and Pattullo at the woman's Peabody apartment at about 6 p.m., where they found Mr. Dos Santos' van, the same one allegedly used in the Andover robbery, but nobody was home and the girlfriend's car was not there. So they waited for about an hour.

"And lo and behold, they pulled in. And we pulled in about two seconds later," Detective Pattullo said.

"He didn't realize we were there until we were on top of him," Detective Hagerty said.

When he was grabbed, Mr. Dos Santos said, "I'm

actually glad to see you," according to Detective Hagerty, to which the detective replied, "We're glad to be here."

The girlfriend and her 5-year-old daughter were with him. He was arrested without incident. The girlfriend said she knew nothing about the robberies. She was not charged and detectives did not try to search her apartment. "He said he never told her about it," Detective Pattullo said.

"He admitted to Shawmut. He admitted to being in Family Bank," Detective Pattullo said. "He's not denying anything."

The other towns involved in the investigation then came to the Andover police station Monday night and each took a statement from Mr. Dos Santos in which he allegedly admitted to each bank heist. "We were able to clear up all those robberies," Detective Pattullo said Tuesday. "We

didn't get out of here until 2 o'clock this morning."

Mr. Dos Santos is originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina, and became a U.S. citizen in 1965. He is a self-employed graphic designer. He has been divorced twice, most recently last spring, and has been out of work, said detectives. Several callers told police that Mr. Dos Santos was a well-liked soccer coach.

No weapon

Mr. Dos Santos allegedly took a total of about \$18,000 to \$20,000 in all the robberies. He took about \$3,900 in the Andover robbery, Detective Pattullo said. "He said he owed money to people and couldn't figure any other way to get it," Detective Pattullo said.

None of the money was recovered.

In each robbery, Mr. Dos Santos handed a teller a note saying, "I'm desperate. Give me 100's, 50's, 20's." In

the attempted robbery in Nashua, the teller said she didn't have those bills, and he left.

In another note, he said "I do not want to hurt. I am desperate. Put 100's 50's 20's in env.," but he never made any more of a threat and never showed any weapon. No weapon was found on him when he was arrested and police don't suspect he had one, according to Detective Pattullo, although he once had a gun permit in Merrimack.

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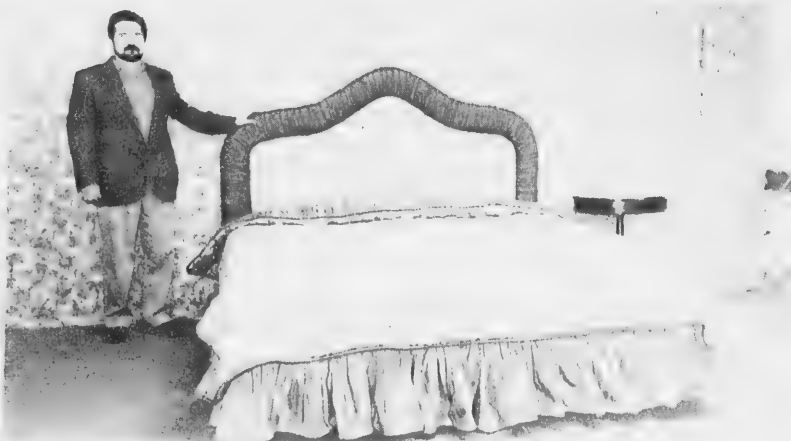
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Volunteers are needed to work in the new caring companions program. The companion ship service is designed to provide company and supervision to lonely, handicapped or socially isolated elders and provide respite care for relief to family members with dependent elderly relatives.

A one-week mandatory training for volunteers will take place Jan. 9-13, 1995. This program is made possible through a discretionary grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Volunteers will be professionally trained and supervised by a contracted agency.

Volunteers of all ages for the caring companions program should be willing to share a few hours a week for a six-month commit-

ment.

Call Doreen Correnti at Geriatrics Assistance, Inc. (470-2333). All ages are welcome.

Applications are being accepted until Dec. 24 for the new tax voucher program for Andover seniors 60 or over and disabled persons. Homeowners will contribute 100 hours of community service in a municipal or school department at the rate of \$5 per hour for a total of \$500. A voucher received upon completion of the 100 hours will be applied toward the property tax bill. Applications are available at the Senior Center. For more information, call me at 470-3830.

The next meeting of the Supper Club will take place at the Roma Restaurant in Bradford on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 5 p.m. If you are interested in joining this group, call the Senior Center at 470-3830 for more information.

SENIOR MENUS

The following meals will be served to seniors at the Senior Center on Whittier Court next week:

Monday: Breaded veal patty with brown sauce, whipped potatoes, corn, fruit cup.

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Wednesday: Shepherd's pie with gravy, whipped potatoes, carrot wheels, whole grain bread, fresh fruit.

Thursday: Chicken ala king with rice, mixed vegetables, whole grain bread, pudding with topping.

Friday: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, green beans, ice cream.

For reservation, call 470-3830 before 2 p.m. on the business day before the lunch you plan to attend. The senior center will serve baked chicken on Monday, Dec. 19, and baked lasagna on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

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December 8, 15 & 22, 1994

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Essex Division
 Docket No. 94D-2817-DV1

Summons by Publication
 KAREN FOSTER ANGELL,
 Plaintiff

vs.
 STEVEN SCOTT ANGELL,
 Defendant

To the above-named Defendant.
 A complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, KAREN FOSTER ANGELL seeking DIVORCE.

You are required to serve upon PHILIP J. BUYERS attorney for plaintiff - whose address is 12 BARTLETT STREET ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 01810 your answer on or before MARCH 9, 1995. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Salem.

Witness, Thaddeus Buczek, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem, this 12th day of December, 1994.

Everett C. Hudson
 Register of Probate Court
 December 15, 22 & 29, 1994

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

Essex Division

Docket No. 91P 2641-EI
 NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY'S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of ROBERT L. TOBER, otherwise known as ROBERT TOBER late of 219 Holt Road Andover, Ma Essex County 01810

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final accounts of HARRIET R. TOBER temporary and permanent executrix (the fiduciary) under the will of said deceased have been presented to said Court for allowance

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the seventeenth day of January, 1995, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days

after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. Rule 5

Witness, THADDEUS BUCZKO, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem this ninth day of December, 1994

Everett C. Hudson
 Register

December 15, 1994

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 THE TRIAL COURT
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 Essex Division
 Docket No. 94P 2788-EPI
 Estate of ANGELO J. LENO late of Andover in the County of Essex.

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by PATRICK LENO of Andover in the County of Essex, praying that he be appointed executor thereof, without giving a surety on his bond

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on January 3, 1994

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Thaddeus Buczek, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem, the first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four.

Everett C. Hudson
 Register of Probate
 December 15, 1994

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
 THE TRIAL COURT
 THE PROBATE
 AND FAMILY COURT
 Essex Division
 Docket No. 94P 2798-EPI
 Estate of EUGENE H. BALLARD late of Andover in the County of Essex.

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by JANET L. BALLARD of Andover and RICHARD E. ZENGILOWSKI of North Andover both in the County of Essex, praying that they be appointed executors thereof, without giving a surety on their bond

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on January 9, 1995

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Thaddeus Buczek, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem, the fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four

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4 Meghan Metzmaekers bought 19 Arundel St., Lot 58, 2 PCLS for \$177,000 from Anthony J. Grassi. The mortgage is with Ipswich Savings Bank.

5 Wendy Cassidy Grobicki bought 3 Gemini Circle, Lot 36, for \$309,900 from K & D Realty Trust. The mortgage is with Salem Five Mortgage Corp.

6 John Nardoza bought 315 River Road, Lot 6-A, for \$164,900 from Gregory R. Doyle. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

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13 David M. Rogers bought 36 Linwood St., Lot 10, for \$171,500 from John G. Vendola. The mortgage is with North Atlantic Mortgage Corp.

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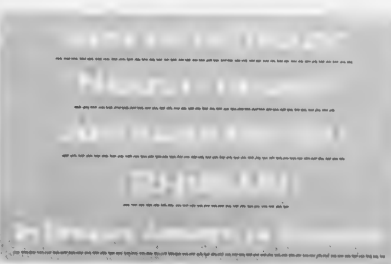
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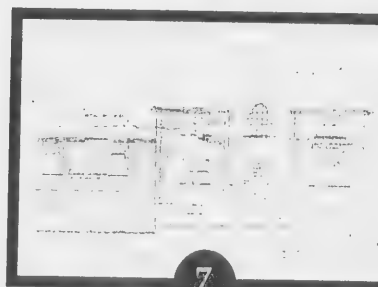
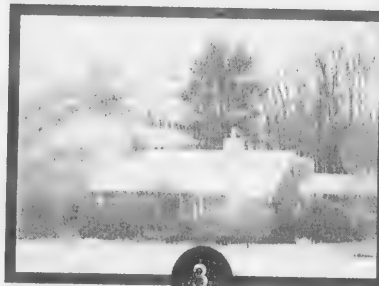
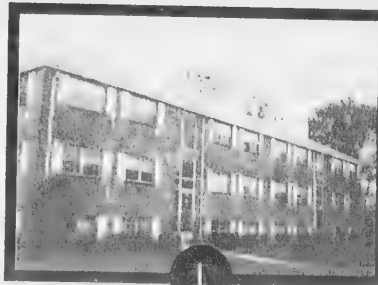
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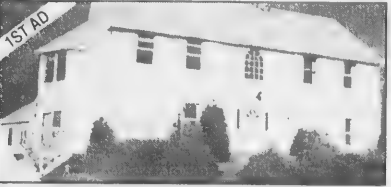
ANDOVER - A home for the holidays! Meticulously cared for and tastefully decorated 4 BR Colonial on extra large private in-town lot. \$179,900



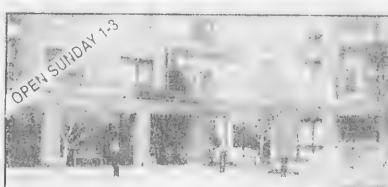
ANDOVER - Immaculate! All brick ranch, gleaming hardwood floors, brick fireplace, large family room, up-dated kitchen, private lot on cul-de-sac, near town. \$199,500



ANDOVER - Prettier than the picture! Beautifully decorated & lovingly cared for Colonial on cul-de-sac. Gervais kitchen, cathedral ceilings, great room, large lot! \$359,000



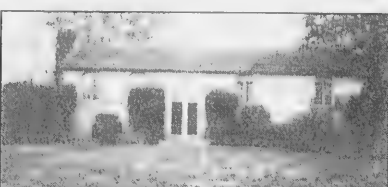
NORTH ANDOVER - Better than new! Spacious Colonial with unique floor plan. Separate entrance to 5th BR & full bath. 23' great room plus 23' FR. Prestige location. True gourmet kitchen. \$459,900



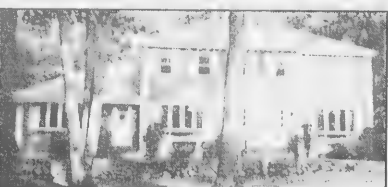
ANDOVER - Assumable 6% mtg with no points, no closing costs! 2nd floor luxury unit, exceptional decor, may upgrades, extra parking space, walk to town & shopping. \$115,900
Dir: 22 Railroad Street #203



ANDOVER - Move-in condition! Ten room Ranch, 2 fireplaces, refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted interior, separate entrance to walkout lower level. \$179,999



ANDOVER - Totally unique! 54' home with vaulted beamed ceilings, unusual curved fp, parquet floors, 31' FR with brick wall fp, large sunporch, private freed lot, cul-de-sac. \$269,000

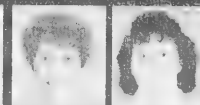


ANDOVER - Built by Wynwood! Classic Colonial on gorgeous professionally landscaped lot in prestige area. Big fireplace country kitchen/family room, 1st floor office. \$399,900



NORTH ANDOVER - Best location! Brick front Colonial, marble foyer, palladian windows, big eat-in kitchen, decorated with quiet elegance, many quality features, 3 car garage. \$579,900

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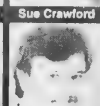
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ANDOVER/SOUTH LAWRENCE LINE. Great location, 2 bedroom Williamsburg townhouse. Washer/dryer, a/c, alarm \$800/month plus utilities. Available January 1st. Call 683-4233.

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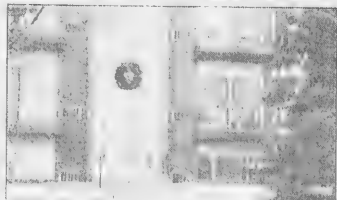
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Fine period detailing can be found in this gracious 11 room Victorian home, surrounded by over an acre on one of town's most admired thoroughfares. Impeccable interior has state-of-the-art kitchen with butler's pantry. Carriage house, pool. ID# 13504

Exclusive \$759,300

MEET NICK NIKOLOPOULOS



Adding his expertise and experience to the sales staff of Hunneman's Andover office is Nick Nikolopoulos. A lifelong area resident, Nick's background includes a BS with majors in business administration and financial management. Since joining the company, Nick has demonstrated that ongoing education is a priority. He has taken courses in surveying, and has enthusiastically embraced the wide spectrum of courses offered by Hunneman's training division.

Nick's professional experience lies in the areas of banking, investment counseling, real estate sales and rentals in Boston's Back Bay, and new construction marketing and sales. Since 1987, he has been a successful manager and sales agent for a number of companies. Nick believes that his background and willingness to go the extra mile have been proven methods to be truly successful.

Nick Nikolopoulos - another good reason why a move with Hunneman is the smart move.



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Magnificent 11 room Victorian home, surrounded by over an acre on one of town's most admired thoroughfares. Impeccable interior has state-of-the-art kitchen with butler's pantry. Carriage house, pool. ID# 13504

Exclusive \$249,900



Elegant 11 room Victorian home, surrounded by over an acre on one of town's most admired thoroughfares. Impeccable interior has state-of-the-art kitchen with butler's pantry. Carriage house, pool. ID# 13474

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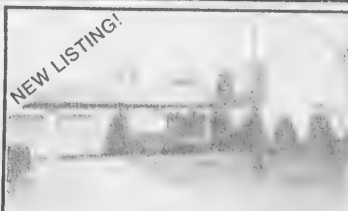
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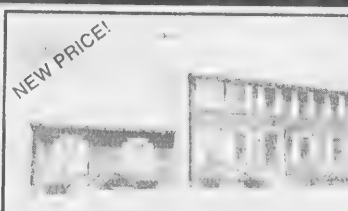


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NORTH ANDOVER - Close to Old Center! Charming custom built nine room side entrance Gambrel Colonial. Quality construction featuring many built-ins, hardwood floors and a finished basement. **\$289,900**



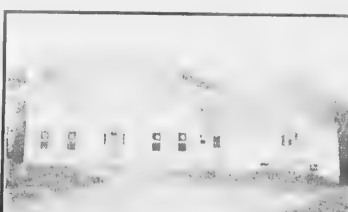
NORTH ANDOVER - Large traditional Center Entrance Colonial with finished third floor, fireplace family room, enclosed porch and lovely treed acre lot. Home is conveniently located close to Old Center. **\$269,900**



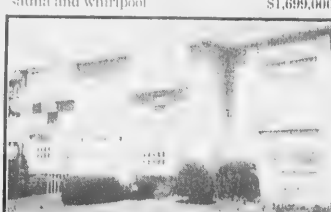
NORTH ANDOVER - Dramatic 6,000 sq. country home on nearly 15 acres overlooking a pond, adjacent Lake Cochichewick. The living room is the 12 room 5 bath Contemporary home with an 18 ft. ceiling, a free slanting polished granite fireplace with two walls of glass insuring a stunning view. Amenities inc: indoor swimming pool/waterfall, a sauna and whirlpool. **\$1,699,000**



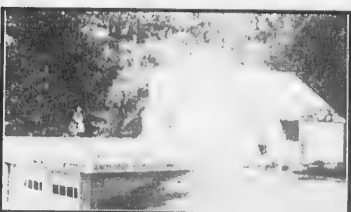
ANDOVER - Very special! Georgian Colonial home overlooking Indian Ridge Golf Course 7,000 s.f. floor plan features every extra you could desire. Superior quality throughout. Quiet cul-de-sac of comparable homes. Near schools and easy access to Rt. 93. **\$995,000**



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ANDOVER - Wonderful three bedroom Cape with great backyard! New gas hot water heating system, new windows, new carpets, new ceilings, freshly painted. Partially finished lower level. Close to highways and town. Must be seen to be appreciated! **\$167,900**



ANDOVER - Handsome Dutch Colonial home in historic Shawsheen Village. Large fireplace living room with adjoining den, formal dining room, updated kitchen with eating alcove, four corner bedrooms upstairs. Quiet child-safe area. All town utilities, sidewalks, playing fields... See it today! **\$234,900**



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ANDOVER - Cloverfield Estate. 1 to 2-1/2 acre lots, executive subdivision. Most abutting conservation. Each lot has minimum of 180' frontage. Owner 686-7984.



NORTH ANDOVER- new subdivision lots with water, sewer and gas. \$110k-\$125K. Call 687-0109.

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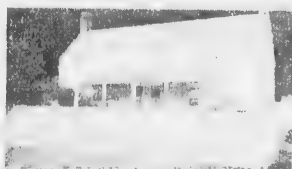
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AT THE BALMORAL: A first floor spacious condo with 959 sq. ft. and new carpeting. Loft area affords space for a second bedroom or office. Updated bathroom has whirlpool tub. Convenient to shopping, highways and public transportation.
CALL NORMA HYDER X127\$92,000

ANDOVER



INVESTORS - Check this out. Duplex, 2 bedrooms, separate heating systems in a location that rents immediately. Call for details.
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VERY SPACIOUS & beautifully decorated Colonial features fabulous cathedral ceiling "Great Room", 4 bedrooms, kitchen with separate fireplaced breakfast room, 3rd floor bonus room, great for teens or hobbyists! Near town & highways, family cul-de-sac.
CALL LINDA CUTTER 686-5300 X119 OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL 1-800-5-TOP PRO CODE 201-103\$329,000

NORTH ANDOVER



THE GIFT YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED! SANTA'S HELPERS are busy at work to complete this 9 room, 4 bedroom desirable Colonial, beautifully nestled in North Andover's newest development. Rocky Brook Estates!
TO COMPLETE YOUR WISH LIST, CALL CARLA POLIZZOTTI BURNS X112\$339,900

ANDOVER



UNDER THE TREE(S) In measure! Natural privacy surrounds this dynamic contemporary. Cathedral ceilings, walls of glass. Tiers kitchen from Germany, hardwood floors sliders to wrap-around deck, 6 car barn.
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NORTH ANDOVER



UNBELIEVABLE CUSTOM built Colonial in superb location. Extras include central a/c, 4 bedrooms, 2 car garage and more.
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NORTH ANDOVER



SPECTACULAR 10 room Transitional Colonial Marbleidge Estates, gourmet kitchen, fireplaced family room and living rooms, 2 staircases, amenities abound.
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NORTH ANDOVER



RE/MAX PROUDLY PRESENTS this outstanding provincial Estate in executive area, featuring 9 rooms, 4 bedrooms (huge master suite with fireplace and luxury bath with jacuzzi), 2 fireplaces, 2 full, 3 half baths. Seclusion views, heated driveway and much more.
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ANDOVER



WALK TO HIGH SCHOOL! Move right in to this charming 8 room, 2 bath Ranch on beautiful lot! Brick fireplace living room, new family room, dining room with built-in China cabinet and hardwood floors throughout! Move in and enjoy!
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ANDOVER



UNBELIEVABLE BUY! Great 9 room Colonial on sunny, level lot in wonderful family area! Fireplace family room plus large play room, 4 wonderful corner bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, freshly painted and carpeted throughout and just waiting for your family!
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ANDOVER



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grasp of the issues and problems in the community, articulated them well and laid out a procedure for addressing them.

"Their aim was to have the Board of Selectmen hear it as an issue," and not just as a school issue, but as an issue for the whole community. Dr. Larsen said. "I think the real issue now is for the selectmen to start talking."

Dr. Larsen said selectmen need to take the suicide issue on as part of their own agenda, and that hasn't happened.

"It's not that they've been indolent," but the board has been preoccupied with tax classification, Special Town Meeting, the Capital Improvement Program and other issues, he said.

Dr. Larsen wants selectmen to take up the suicide issue in a work session.

After Mr. Branning's presentation last month, Selectman Charles Wesson suggested the Board of Health may have a role to play on the steering committee. Selectman Gerald Silverman asked Mr. Stapczynski to look into whether there may be state grants available to fund some of the group's programs. Mr. Stapczynski said he would look for models in other communities, meet with Mr. Branning, then bring the matter back to selectmen at some point.

"The next step is to meet with the town manager," Mr. Branning said last week.

Limited progress

Dr. Larsen was an original member

of the group and was named co-chairman by former School Superintendent Mark McQuillan, founder of the committee. Dr. McQuillan left town last summer to become superintendent of schools in Lincoln, and his leaving may have hindered the committee, according to Dr. Larsen.

"His spark is missed," Dr. Larsen said.

Dr. McQuillan said last week that, had he stayed, the Community Action Committee (CAC) would have made a similar presentation to selectmen, would also have asked for the appointment of a certain number of members, and was scheduled to get started in the fall. Dr. McQuillan said that with his leaving and Dick Neal coming in, he would not be surprised if the work on the CAC "may have been pushed back a bit."

But he put a lot into the group and very much wanted to see it continued, and was happy to hear it is still moving forward.

"That's terrific. If they've taken it to selectmen, that's good. I think that makes it a town issue," he said last week. "It's really up to the community to take it and run with it."

The Community Action Committee was originally created as the Suicide Prevention Task Force to discuss the issue of suicide, what it meant for the community and if there was anything that could be done to prevent it. Along the way, it changed its name "as a way of broadening the task force's purview," according to its own report.

The group recommends development of a Primary Prevention Program for youth, long-term commitment to funding the youth coordinator position, further development of the Youth Council and appointment of the steering committee. The steering committee would be comprised of six students, five adult residents and/or parents, and one adviser.

Mr. Branning said the CAC is trying not to confuse the picture of the various agencies that are trying to help in town, and doesn't want the specific issue of suicide to get lost. The steering committee will help the group stay focused on the issue of suicide and young people, Mr. Branning said.

Bill Fahey, the town's youth coordinator, said the death of Sean Gauthier, the third of the three Andover teens to commit suicide last spring, was very powerful for teens in town.

"Sean touched a lot of different people in a lot of different ways," Mr. Fahey said.

Some kids reacted with anger, believing that something could have been done to prevent it, but Mr. Fahey said the school administration made a good effort to cope with the aftermath of the death.

"But I think it's an issue that goes a lot deeper than Sean Gauthier," Mr. Fahey said.

Mr. Fahey said he was never a task force member, but attended at least the first forums and meetings to see what direction the group would take. He was quickly disillusioned, he said.

The Community Action Committee had some great ideas, but they were not realistic, Mr. Fahey said. The group tried to become too comprehen-

sive, and instead of doing one thing, started making big plans to deal with too many things, many of which might never see fruition, he said.

For example, he said, it would be great to hire a social adjustment coordinator for the schools, to take some of that responsibility off the guidance counselors. He even gave the committee the name of someone who would be great for the job. But that would cost about \$30,000 a year.

"Everything has a price tag. Why meet and talk about stuff if you can't do anything about it?" Mr. Fahey said.

Positive steps

Still, some members of the group have on their own taken some positive steps.

Ellen Parker, assistant principal at Andover High School, started a peer mediation program that now has 32 trained student mediators in the school. And Brenda O'Brien, health studies coordinator for the schools, is working to get training for teachers so peer mediation can start in the middle schools. Ruby Easton, guidance counselor at the High School, started an Outward Bound Program that did one trip last year. Two trips are planned for this year.

The Samaritans are working with Mr. Fahey to get programs started here, and student Kate Brown wants to start a youth line. Unlike a hot line, which deals with larger issues and requires trained counselors, the youth line would give kids a chance to talk about relatively smaller, yet still important, problems, such as with money, dating or teachers.

"There are some good things happening," Mr. Fahey said.

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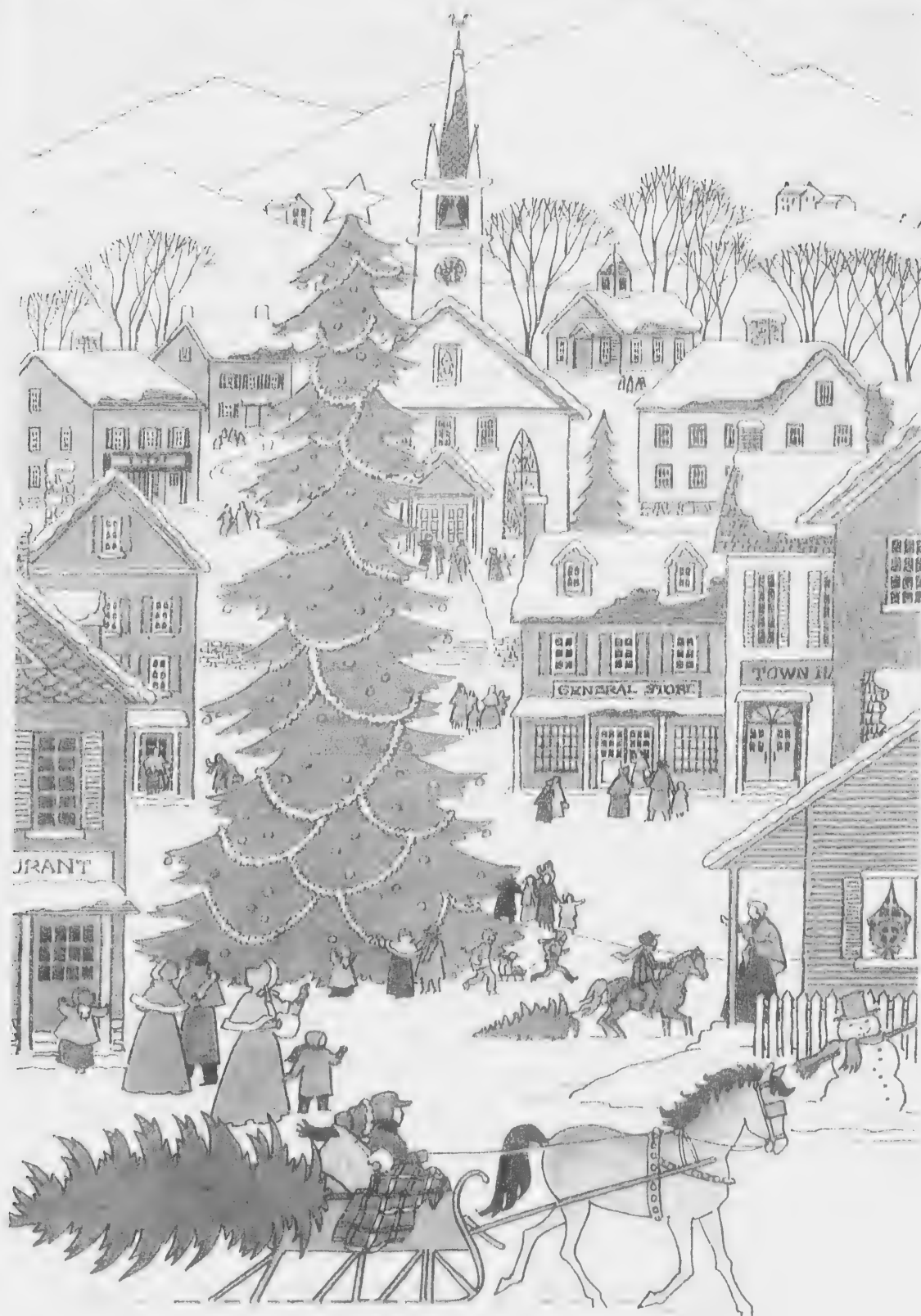
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"We developed the CD as part of our 60th anniversary celebration," said Mary Alice Rock, of North Andover, president of the choral society. She stated that the CD captures a musical tradition in Newburyport that dates back to 1848 when the first community chorus was formed.

The CD also represents a showcase of local talent — musically and artistically. The Newburyport Choral Society has about 200 singers who come from communities all over northeastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire, making it one of the largest choral groups in New England. According to several members, the choral society has reached a new level of performance quality under the musical direction of Gerald Weale.

Artistically, the CD's cover was designed by local graphic artist Barbara Mattina from Newburyport. She's also a member of the choral society.

Selections include such holiday favorites as *The Three Kings*, the *Wassail Song* and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* as well as more classical works such as Bach's *Gloria* in B-Minor Mass.

Wrap it right for the holidays

Since you've taken the time to choose the perfect holiday gift, why not take a few more minutes to ensure that it arrives safely by wrapping and addressing correctly? Follow these helpful tips from the U.S. Postal Service throughout the year to make sure your packages are delivered to the correct address, on time and in good shape.

- Select a container strong enough to protect the contents during handling. Fiberboard containers are generally strong enough to ship most materials. Your local post office offers packaging products designed for safe and sound delivery.

- Leave space inside the carton for cushioning. The container should have enough space to hold the contents plus cushioning to prevent damage. Leak proof containers and mailing materials should be used if shipping liquids. Items which have an odor should be placed in a container which is impermeable to the contents.

- Prevent contents from shifting and absorbing shock by using good cushioning materials such as polystyrene, shredded or rolled newspapers, bubble plastic and fiberboard inserts.

- Use reinforced tape — DON'T use twine and cord; they tend to catch and bind in mail processing equipment.

- Mark the address and the ZIP Code clearly and make special markings to alert the Postal Service to packages that are fragile or should not bend. If you are shipping framed photographs, it is a good idea to remove the glass and wrap it separately.

- Include a return address label inside the package prior to wrapping and sending.



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Hal MacIntosh, a nationally known chainsaw carver, sculpts figures from last years Christmas tree at Bickstone Square.

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"A lot of watches that are being sold today are a reflection of one's personality," Mr. Leed said. "Consumers look for different things in a timepiece - the uniqueness of the movement, the case, the watch itself, or even if it is part of a limited collection."

"We've seen a strong growth in the sale of men's watches in the last seven to 10 years," said Mr. Leed. Whereas women have been able to express themselves by wearing earrings, necklaces, pendants, bracelets and rings, men traditionally wear less jewelry than women; however, nearly all men wear a watch and it is through this piece of jewelry that a man is really able to express his personality.

There has been a strong growth in the areas of men's and ladies' dress and sport watches. Sport watches for women? "Many women wear two-tone watches that are water-resistant. Lifestyle today is more casual," said Mr. Leed.

Consumers today also have a better understanding and a greater appreciation of the different watch brands on the market. Consumers are aware of Swiss-made watches, their quality, and the distinct statement that fine timepieces such as Rolex, Tag Heuer and Omega make. Watches of this caliber are often regarded as a sign of success. As the interest and demand for fine Swiss watches increases, Royal Jewelers has decided to meet the challenge.

"We are an authorized dealer of 27 different brands of Swiss watches," said Mr. Leed. "We carry a broad range of watches. From entry-level Swatch watches priced at \$40, to middle-priced brands such as Tag Heuer and Ebel, to the high-end, one-of-a-kind collectible timepieces that are priced around \$65,000."



Stefan Johansson, a Formula One race car driver, who designed his own line of watches visited Royal Jewelers last August. Here Steve Leed, left, displays a H III Chronograph timepiece from the collection.

The brands that Royal Jewelers carries are Swatch, Fila, Flik Flak, Seiko, Tag Heuer, Universal Geneve, Chronoswiss, Forget, RGM, Cartier, IWC, Breitling, Esq, Hamilton, Tissot, Wittnauer, Ebel, Corum, Hublot, Fendi, Rado, Omega, Krieger, Concord, Gucci, Raymond Weil, AKTO, Swiss Army and Movado.

With more than 2,000 watches on display at all times, Royal Jewelers has become the largest watch retailer in New England. "Because of our diversity, selection, and the fact that we carry the best names in the watch industry, people travel from all over New England to visit our store," said Mr. Leed. "And because of advertising nationally in magazines such as The Robb Report, Town & Country, Vanity

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"At Royal, we are value-priced in the products we sell. And we carry the full line of nearly every watch that we sell. For example, when a customer looks at the Omega collection of watches, he or she is seeing the entire Omega line of watches," said Mr. Leed.

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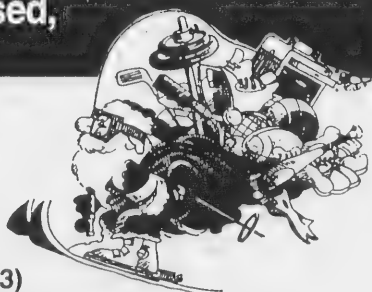
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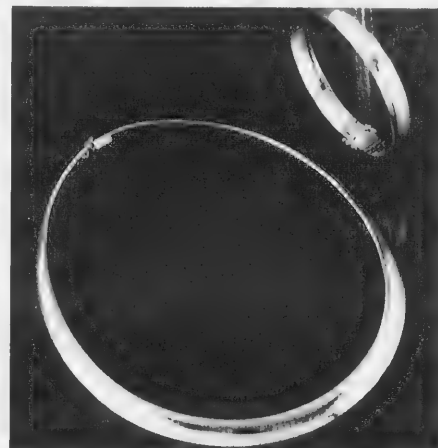
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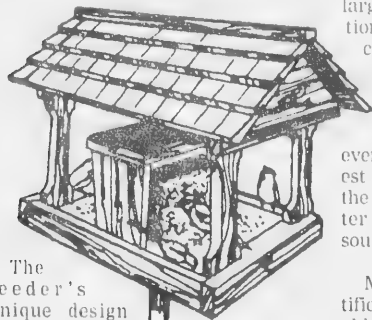
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Patty and Michael McDermott of Wild Birds Unlimited with display of various types of bird houses and feeders.



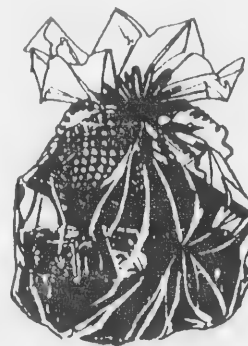
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Here are tips for pretty holiday party tresses

You can give yourself a beauty boost this holiday season by heeding these hints on how to turn daytime hairstyles into nighttime party hair sensations.

- The most popular holiday hairstyle today is the French Twist. Turn your head over and start twisting hair in one direction from the bottom up, secure with bobby pins and decorative hairpieces. After securing, lift up head and sculpt any curls left out of your twist.

- Add a hair piece to an up-do. Tease hair at the top of the head, create a straight line from ear to ear. Put in hair pins, curl hair ends in the back with curling iron, place some alluring pieces of hair in front of the face.

- If you have straight hair in a blunt



cut, create finger waves around your face and hold them with hairspray.

- Throw in some hot rollers for a tousled, curly look or to revive droopy curls, use a curl booster to give them a lift.

- For extra lift and body, spray roots with a spray gel and blow dry. Or, spray hair with a gel and blow dry hair upside down, flip head upright and pat hair into place.

- Use a volumizing mousse for body. Set on Velcro™ rollers to create shine and smoothness and a little extra body.

- For irresistible finger waves, try a spray gel.

Sometimes it takes little more than a twist of the tresses to turn an everyday hairstyle into a festive holiday party look.

Hair care gift ideas that aren't too hot to handle

Many new hair care products are making a debut this holiday season, but don't be swayed by glossy ads and slick commercials when shopping for that perfect gift. Find out what special features set one brand apart from the next to ensure a smart buy.

Popular hair care gifts this season include products that allow women to pamper themselves, such as a new set of hot rollers. But the hot roller field is crowded and one needs to sift through the conflicting messages to find the best model.

Here are some tips from the gift experts at Caruso International, Inc.

- Women who use conventional hot rollers want strong, long-lasting curls, so look for a brand name with a proven track record for providing curls that last throughout the day.

- An increasing number of the newer products offer special features designed to be kinder to your hair. For example, Richard Caruso FlexiRolls has specially designed rollers that are concave and cushioned. This allows hair to be wrapped tighter for a better, smoother curl without damaging the hair. The ribbing on the rollers grips hair firmly yet gently for a tighter curl.

- Many new brands feature a ready dot that indi-

cates when the rollers are hot enough to curl. To avoid unnecessary burns, only buy brands designed so that the outer rims of the rollers stay cool enough to handle safely.

- Other things to look for include a variety of roller sizes for optimum hair setting options, and models with one size heating posts that will allow customizing of the roller set to suit individual styling needs.

- For the woman on the go, look for the new compact units, perfect for home, office or travel, that heat up in only one minute. These and other conventional hot roller models can be found at area stores.

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SEASON'S EATINGS

Warm up cool nights with a satisfying skillet dinner featuring high-fiber pearl barley, ground lamb and zesty curry. For extra color and flavor, serve this entree with fresh tomato salsa or a creamy yogurt mint sauce.

Available in the rice and noodle aisle of the supermarket, pearl barley adds a satisfying, high-fiber boost to entrees, salads, soups and more. And like other grains, barley contains very little fat and no cholesterol.

Barley Lamb Bake

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 pound ground lamb
- 1 large sweet onion chopped
- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 1 cup pearl barley
- 1 to 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 3 cups chicken broth

Heat oil in large skillet; add remaining ingredients except broth. Cook until lamb loses its color and barley is golden. Add broth and bring to boil. Turn barley mixture into heavy 2-quart casserole. (Or, cover and refrigerate overnight.) Bake, covered, in 350-degree F. oven for 1/2 hour. Stir mixture gently. Cover and continue to bake 1/2 to 1 hour longer, or until barley is tender. Serve with fresh tomato salsa or yogurt mint sauce, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 315 calories, 28g protein, 9g fat, 31g carbohydrate, 81mg cholesterol, 3.5 fiber, 459 mg sodium.

A pot of full-bodied homemade stew can do wonders for the spirits when the thermometer begins to dip.

Savory Pork Stew, a quick and easy blend of pork, potatoes, cabbage and carrots, is just the thing to bring some warmth to a brisk day. And with the help of convenience items such as apple juice and condensed cream of celery soup, this substantial stew is simple to prepare.

Savory Pork Stew

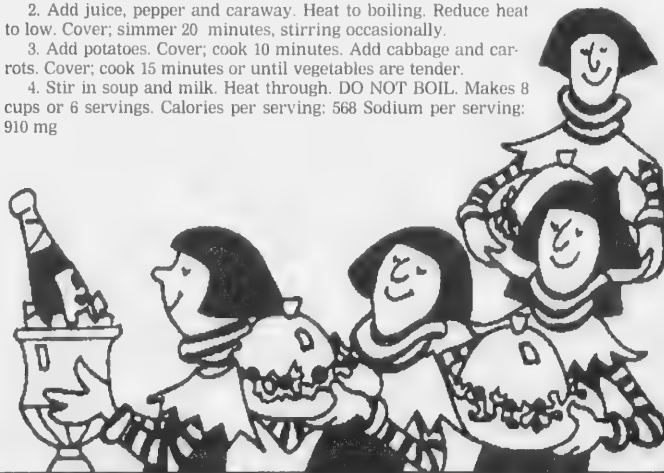
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless pork, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- 3/4 cup apple juice
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon caraway seed
- 2 medium red potatoes, cut into chunks
- 2 cups coarsely chopped cabbage
- 2 carrots, diagonally sliced
- 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) condensed cream of celery soup
- 2 soup cans milk

1. In 4-quart saucepan over medium heat, in hot oil, cook pork until browned on all sides.

2. Add juice, pepper and caraway. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low. Cover; simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

3. Add potatoes. Cover; cook 10 minutes. Add cabbage and carrots. Cover; cook 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

4. Stir in soup and milk. Heat through. **DO NOT BOIL.** Makes 8 cups or 6 servings. Calories per serving: 568 Sodium per serving: 910 mg



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The American Society of Association Executives says seven out of 10 adults in the United States belong to at least one professional organization or special interest group.

How will your gift keep giving all year long? Here are a few of the ways.

- Most association memberships come with subscriptions to the organization's publications, including informative newsletters and magazines that keep members up to date on their special interests.
- In addition to local meetings, many associations have regional and national get-togethers. They're another way of staying on top of things and meeting new people with common interests.
- Among the benefits of membership in most associations are group buying arrangements for travel, insurance and more.

Affordable luxuries

For relatively little money, it's possible to indulge the special people on your Christmas list with a gourmet gift of the highest quality — pure butter shortbread from Walkers of Scotland. Packaged in colorful and elegant boxes and in tins that depict authentic paintings of famous people and dramatic events in Scottish history, these all-butter treats are available in a variety of assortments.

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Holiday mailing hints

'Tis the season—to be mailing holiday gifts! More than 45 billion letters and parcels will crisscross the continent via the U.S. Postal Service during the peak holiday mailing months of October, November and December. Even rural post offices will handle more than 17 million pieces of mail during this 90-day period—roughly 230,000 pieces each day. No wonder lines are long and tempers flare!

Here are some tips from the experts to help ensure that your precious holiday gifts arrive on time and in one piece:

- Use new, sturdy boxes. Do not wrap them in brown paper and do not use string, transparent, masking or duct tape. Use postal-approved packaging tape.
- Use styrofoam "peanuts," rather than newspaper to cushion items. Newspaper can "stain" and doesn't provide adequate packaging.
- Return receipts are suggested to assure home delivery when no one is there.
- If you're shipping economically, it's recommended that you allow at least three weeks for domestic packages to reach their destinations; packages sent internationally require more time.

How to be the perfect guest

From casual get-togethers for tree trimming, to formal dinner parties or those "just drop in for a drink" occasions, people love to entertain at holiday time. While most hosts don't want their guests to do the work involved in arranging a fun party, they do appreciate guests who make an effort to help. Here are some tips to help ensure you'll be at the top of the holiday invitation lists in your circle:

- Offer to pick up and drop off other guests.
- Don't arrive early or too late. Don't overstay your welcome — find out when most of the other guests plan to leave. Phone ahead if you're going to be very late.
- Offer to bring something or surprise your host with a gift.

Santa's helpers deck the halls

This

Christmas, set up Santa's workshop in your home and let your children make their own decorative cards and gift wrap. With the help of the arts and craft materials such as markers, construction paper, and poster paints, they'll have hours of fun creating trimmings that family and friends will cherish for years.

- Kids love to fingerprint, so your kids should love making "thumbprint" reindeer cards; you won't have to worry about the mess if you use washable markers. Have your child color his thumb with a red marker and then press down onto white paper folded like a card; repeat until there are several prints across the bottom of the card. Using a black marker, he can add the reindeer's heads, antlers, and legs, and finish by writing a special holiday greeting.

- Kids can let their imaginations run wild as they transform paper bags into personalized holiday gift bags using stencils of Christmas trees and candy canes you've cut out for them. Have them color over the stencils to create flawless images. For bag handles, simply punch a hole in the center of each side of the bag and tie with ribbon.

Use your bean

A growing number of Americans are using their beans and coming up with some excellent gift ideas. Flavored coffees that come in a variety of gift packages.

According to the coffee experts, the favorites are vanilla, chocolate and nut flavors. Flavors reminiscent of liqueurs make a delicious alternative to alcoholic after-dinner drinks.

Since most flavored coffee is served after dinner, don't forget to include a decaffeinated flavored coffee in your gift selection. When choosing decaffeinated beans, look for those that are decaffeinated without chemicals.

Tickle tastebuds with gourmet foods

If your challenge was to fill a Christmas gift box with five of the most fabulous food and beverage gifts on earth, what would you put in it?

Polls of chefs and connoisseurs consistently rate certain items at the top. Here are five that have met the test of tastebuds and time:

- Virginia's salt-cured country ham. Sliced thin in hot biscuits, served on buttered toast with fresh, sliced tomatoes, or cut in steaks and fried to accompany eggs.
- The Glenlivet single malt Scotch Whisky. Sir Walter Scott described it as "a cordial prepared in the wilds of Glenlivet." Charles Dickens sent it to friends. There is grace, power and sophistication in what the best scotch does to one's tastebuds, olfactory nerves and imagination. Recently, The Glenlivet 18-Year Old came to the American market.
- Chutneys. Hot or mild, intensely flavored or subtle, a chutney can brighten most vegetables. Give a cilantro or a coconut chutney.
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Dirty secrets and clean facts of handling holiday mishaps

by Patricia Barrett

Q: I love using candles to decorate my holiday tables but often have a tough time cleaning the wax from the holders. Is there any way to get rid of candle wax?

A: The easiest way I have found is to place candle holders in the freezer for an hour or so. When you take them out of the freezer, the wax will peel right off. Also, to prevent candles from dripping so easily, place them in the freezer before using.

Q: With the holidays approaching, one of my biggest pleasures is also one of my biggest fears: cooking. Every year I manage to get turkey grease on my blouse, even wearing an apron. And it never fails, the turkey grease leaves a ring even after washing. What is the best way to get a grease stain out?

A: You're not alone. Turkey grease and other meat juices are among the most reported holiday stains. First dampen the stain before washing. Then rub with a dual-enzyme detergent and wash in hottest water temperature safe for the fabric. Make sure

stain is completely removed before drying in the dryer or ironing.

Q: Lambchops are one of my family's favorite winter dishes. I love cooking them but hate cleaning up afterward. They leave a broiler pan that is unsightly. Do you have any tips on the best way to get a broiler pan clean?

A: Sprinkle the broiler pan, while hot, with powder laundry detergent. Cover with a dampened paper towel and let the burned food set for a few minutes. Then wash in hot water and food will come off easily.

Carpet care for the holidays

Rug care needn't be rugged this holiday season, or throughout the New Year to come.

A thorough carpet cleaning can help make your whole home look bright for holiday entertaining; and whatever the time of year, regular vacuuming keeps your carpet looking new and helps it last longer by removing dirt and grime that causes premature wear — a definite boon to the budget.

You can use a commercial carpet cleaning service or rent equipment at reasonable prices. Many homeowners, however, prefer to do their own carpet cleaning with in-home

machines available at retail stores for about \$200.

However you decide to clean your carpet, here are some hints to help you get ready for a happy holiday party:

Plan to finish a carpet cleaning job several days before your party to allow the carpet plenty of time to dry.

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- Use a lightweight hand vac for last minute touch-ups just before your party.

- After your party, use the hand vac to pick up tinsel, food crumbs or ashes from furniture and carpets. Now you are set to go for your next holiday gathering.

Fun, feasts and food stains

For most of us, holidays generate warm feelings of family get-togethers and feasting on traditional foods. But at the end of a holiday meal come the leftovers, especially those that leave greasy spots and dark stains on the best white tablecloth.

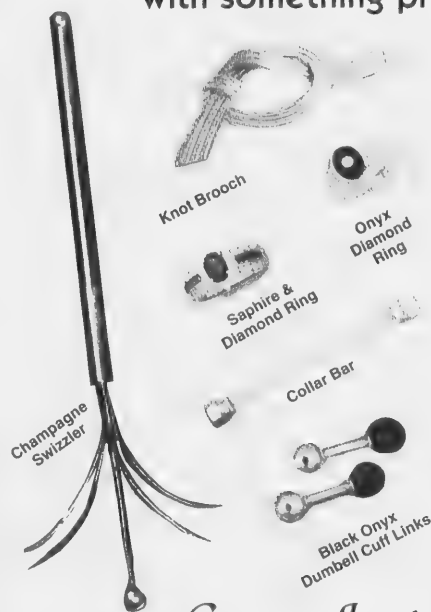
"Turkey gravy, cranberry sauce and coffee are tasty parts of a holiday meal — and, with proper treatment, won't create stains that are impossible to remove from table linens," report home economists. They add that the secret to successful stain removal is quick action, pretreatment, soaking, proper washing, and complete removal of a stain before drying an item (dryer heat can set stains permanently).

For most food soils, home economists suggest first rinsing them under running cold water and blotting stained areas with white paper towels. Next, pretreat stains with a heavy-duty liquid detergent or a prewash spray. Soak stained items in warm water with an enzyme presoak product for about 30 minutes, then spin or wring out the water. Launder items in warm water with a heavy-duty liquid detergent or bleach (either chlorine or an all-fabric type) that's safe for the stained fabrics.

At the end of the wash cycle, check to see that stains are removed. If not, rewash. Once stains are removed, dry, fold and put table linens away until the next holiday.

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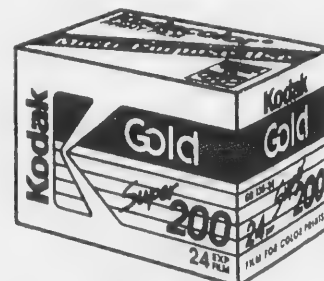
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Old-fashioned memories from the pantry

Oh, the memories that are triggered by the aroma of fresh bread baking in the oven! Memories of good times and friendships shared over a cup of coffee and a piece of fruit-filled yeast bread warm from the oven. Creating new memories today is as easy as stepping to your pantry.

Convenient and ready when you are, yeast dough mixes reduce preparation time. And cans of fruit waiting to be opened hold the wonderful flavors of sun-ripened fruit ready to be enjoyed any time of the year. While traditionally used in pies, canned fruits in yeast breads create baked goods that will

tantalize any palate. Cherry Yeast Braid is quick and easy to make but looks and tastes like you spent all day in the kitchen. Whether you use cherries or substitute blueberries or blackberries, you'll savor the flavor of sun-ripened fruit wrapped in tender yeast dough and bank the memories created from this moment.

Cherry Yeast Braid

1 package (16 oz.) hot roll mix*
1 can (16-1/2 oz.) dark sweet or
Royal Anne cherries, drained
1/2 cup chopped orange, skin
included
1/2 cup sugar

1/4 cup chopped pecans
1 2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Icing, optional

Prepare dough according to package directions. Cover kneaded dough with bowl and let rest 5 minutes. Combine cherries, orange, sugar, pecans, salt and cinnamon in saucepan; bring mixture to boil, reduce heat and simmer about 15 minutes or until thickened. Cool cherry mixture.

Roll dough to 14 x 8 inch rectangle. Place on oiled heavy baking sheet. Spread filling down center of length of dough creating a 3 inch wide strip of

fruit. Make 2-1/2 inch cuts in dough at 1-1/2 inch intervals along both sides of filling. Take a strip from each side and cross them over center of filling; pull strips down, tucking ends inside. Continue to weave alternate strips from opposite sides. Bake at 375°F. 30 minutes or until golden brown. If desired, drizzle top with icing. Slice into 1 inch thick pieces. Make 14 to 16 slices.

Icing: Mix 1 cup powdered sugar and 2 tablespoons milk or warm water, 1 teaspoon orange juice and 1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel.

*Check package for ingredients to prepare dough from mix.

Bake delicious desserts with contemporary ease

'Tis the season of Rudolph, Dasher and Dancer, of Santa and his sleigh, of ringing bells and roasted chestnuts, and of friends and family gathering to celebrate the holidays.

'Tis also the season to enjoy baking delicious desserts. The Kentucky Bourbon Fruit Loaf is a traditional holiday favorite, with a contemporary twist for baking ease and updated appeal.

Take advantage of free time. Bake ahead and freeze or store your goodies for a tasty and care-free celebration this holiday season!

Kentucky Bourbon Fruit Loaf

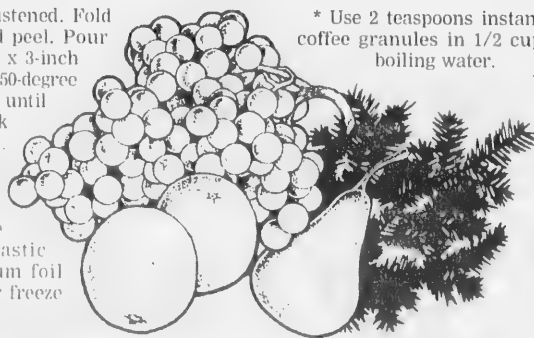
3 cups flour

1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon allspice
4 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup dark molasses
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup Kentucky bourbon
1/2 cup strong coffee*
1-1/2 cups glace diced fruit and peel
Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, salt and allspice; set aside. In mixing bowl, cream butter, molasses and sugar. Beat in eggs. Stir in bourbon and coffee. Add dry ingredients;

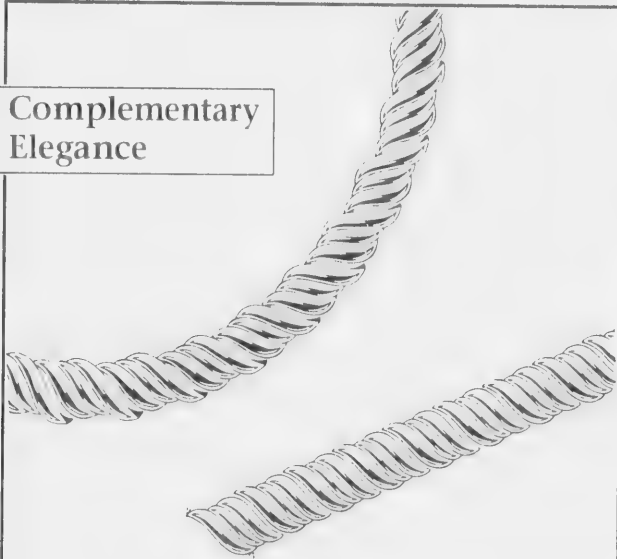
stir just until moistened. Fold in glace fruit and peel. Pour into greased 9 x 5 x 3-inch loaf pan. Bake in 350-degree oven about 1 hour until inserted toothpick comes out clean. Let cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pan to cool completely on wire rack. Wrap in plastic wrap or aluminum foil and refrigerate or freeze up to 2 months.

Makes 1 loaf.

* Use 2 teaspoons instant coffee granules in 1/2 cup boiling water.



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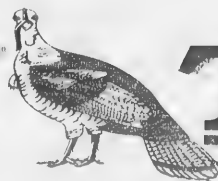
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TURKEY TALK



Tips for traveling with a turkey

Over the river and through the woods, to Grandmother's house we go with a turkey dinner? If you're planning to bring or send the bird and trimmings to a loved one's home for a holiday meal, here are some food safety tips from the experts at the USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline:

- A turkey can be cooked a day ahead of time and then taken to someone's house the next day, but not intact. Be sure to cook the turkey in an oven set no lower than 325 degrees F. Check to be sure the turkey has cooked completely to an internal temperature of 180 degrees F. Then let the turkey stand 20 minutes. If stuffed, remove the stuffing, carve it into small pieces and place in shallow containers. Then cool in the refrigerator. Never refrigerate a whole cooked turkey.

- When preparing to travel, pack the turkey and other perishable foods in an insulated cooler with a cold source such as ice or frozen gel packs. At your destination, transfer the foods to a refrigerator and reheat in a 325 degree F oven or in a microwave oven until the foods reach an internal temperature of 165 degrees or are steaming hot.

- Raw or cooked turkey must not be left unrefrigerated for a period longer than two hours.

- Do not attempt to partially cook meat and poultry ahead of time and then finish cooking at the destination.

- If ordering food by mail, ask the mail order company how the gift will be packaged. If it's a perishable item like meat or poultry, it should be cold or frozen and packed with a cold source, and delivered as quickly as possible ideally, overnight.

- Complete holiday dinners are available from restaurants, caterers and supermarkets. Pick up the food hot and keep it hot. Set oven temperature at 300 degrees F or higher. Stuffing and side dishes must also stay hot or refrigerate. It's not a good idea to try and keep foods hot longer than two hours. If your turkey is to be eaten later, remove stuffing, carve the whole bird into smaller pieces, refrigerate. Buying a refrigerated, fully cooked, stuffed turkey is NOT recommended.

- If you have questions about meat and poultry safety, call the USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-800-535-4555.

Recipe for perfect carving

Successfully carving beef, ham, poultry or wild game is easy if you follow this simple recipe:

Ingredients

- 1 razor-sharp carving knife (straight edge is best)
- 1 knife sharpener (with precision sharpening guides)
- Chefs' carving techniques

Method

Forged knives are best for carving because they take a sharper edge and are balanced to give better slicing control. Choose a straight edge because serrated knives tear and shred instead of cutting cleanly.

Just before carving, sharpen your knife using a manual or electric sharpener with precision angle guides and 100 percent diamond abrasives. TIP: Knives get dull because the edge actually folds over (not, as many think, because the edge wears down and becomes flat). The "V"-shaped edge produced by most sharpening methods is weak and tends to fold (dull) easily. The best sharpeners create an arch-shaped edge that

resists folding. TIP: Unlike other abrasives which can damage and detemper fine cutlery, diamond abrasives increase the life of your knives because they sharpen without removing excess metal or overheating the blade.

Carve like an expert with these simple but effective carving techniques used by professional chefs: Let meat or poultry cool 10-15 minutes after roasting — it will be firmer and easier to slice. Carve meat (beef, ham, venison, etc.) across the grain — it will be tender instead of tough. For poultry, start by removing the legs and last two joints of each wing. Then make a deep horizontal "base cut" into the breast just above the wing. Finally, slice down through the breast to the base cut. This will release perfect, even slices.



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For family holiday fun, here's an easy recipe to make old-fashioned tree ornaments at home that everyone will treasure.

First you need:
2 cups all purpose flour
(not self-rising)
1 cup salt
1 cup water
Food color, optional

Combine flour and salt in a large flat-bottomed bowl. Mix well. Form into a ball by mixing in a little water at a time. If you want colored ornaments, add food color to the dough. Be sure to knead 7-10 minutes until the dough has smooth, firm consistency. Add a little more water if necessary.

Now you're ready to make a bell, a star, a Christmas tree or Santa. Just roll out the dough 1/4 inch thick. Cut ornament shapes out of the dough using cookie cutters. Make a small hole at the top of the ornament for thread to hang the finished product. Bake on a foil-covered cookie sheet at 325 degrees for about 30 minutes or until golden brown. Allow to cool. You can then paint the ornaments with water color, acrylic or enamel - and varnish or shellac for a lasting finish.

Adding new flavor to holiday traditions

A generations-old recipe for stuffing. New holiday clothes. Decorating the house. While traditions are the foundation of the holiday season, variety can add new excitement to the festivities. This year, create that festive holiday spirit by adding a twist to some of your family traditions.

The following ideas are simple and fun (and don't cost a fortune). Who knows, some may even become traditions in your family!

- Tantalize your taste buds. Invite friends and family members to whip up side dishes from distant lands, to complement the main course of your

traditional holiday dinner. The dishes are sure to make for lively conversation.

- Instead of the standard cup of "joe," serve delicious, fresh-brewed flavored ground coffee at holiday get-togethers. New coffee flavors — French vanilla, hazelnut and Irish creme, with their enticing aroma, will fill the room and add to the festive spirit.

- For a fun twist on the tradition of sending holiday cards, invite family and friends of all ages to spend an afternoon designing and creating handmade cards. Provide plenty of crayons, paint, glue and colored

paper. Serve refreshments to keep the creative hands and minds going.

- Build your home movie collection. At family gatherings, provide fun, new activities for adults and children alike. A talent show, a game of "charades," or making holiday decorations, is sure to create wonderful memories of the holiday season.

- For large family gatherings, switch the seating arrangement at the dinner table. Instead of placing your sister next to her husband, have her sit next to Uncle Pete. This can help family members get to know each other better and strengthen family relationships.

Electronic gift buying tips for the holidays

For many, the bells of Christmas include the ring of the cash register. If you plan to purchase an electronic product for a family member, friend or yourself, it may pay to heed these helpful hints from Sharp Electronics Corporation:

- Always keep your bill of sale as "proof of purchase." When you purchase a product, your sales receipt is the proof of how, when and where the sales transaction took place. Remember to hold onto it. Without the receipt, it will be very difficult to get a product fixed or replaced under warranty.

If you are giving the product as a gift, pass along a copy of the receipt to the recipient so he or she can get the necessary coverage on a product if a problem develops.

- Selecting extended warranty coverage. Before buying, ask what the warranty includes? How long the warranty lasts? Does the warranty cover whole products or just parts? When the product is serviced, will I have to pay labor costs? How does the extended warranty relate to the original warranty provided by the manufacturer?

Another issue to keep in mind is

who honors the warranty. Some products must be returned directly to the manufacturer for service, while others must be brought to a local authorized servicer. A non-authorized local service store may be able to fix the particular product, but if they are not authorized by the manufacturer, they may not have access to the manufacturer's technical assistance, training and service manuals. This could lead to further problems.

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Holiday cookie baking is fun for young and old

Do you remember holidays of your childhood? Bright-colored ribbons and papers. The fragrances of flickering candles and fresh-cut pine. The sounds of laughter, carolers and bells. And especially the warm, delicious aromas of cinnamon, pumpkin and vanilla as pies, cakes and cookies were baked.

"Scratch baking is a special way to share the loving memories of traditional holiday celebrations with your children," says Howard Solganik, food consultant and father of two young children.

Because children love to bake, this whimsical holiday cookie recipe was developed. The tasty dough can be formed into candy canes, wreaths or other festive shapes. Use your imagination. Then, finish your holiday table with beautiful homemade cookies you and your children made together.

Candy Cane Cookies

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup margarine or butter, softened
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour*
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon red food color
- 1/2 cup crushed peppermint candy
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1. Mix sugar, margarine, milk, egg, vanilla and peppermint extract thoroughly. Stir in flour, baking powder and salt.
- 2. Divide dough in half. Tint 1 half with food color. Cover both parts dough and refrigerate at least 4 hours.
- 3. Heat the oven to 375°.

4. For each cookie, roll 1 teaspoon of dough from each half back and forth on lightly floured surface into 4-inch rope. Place 1 red and 1 white rope side by side; press together lightly and twist. (For a smooth look, roll twisted ropes back and forth on surface several times.) Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bend down top of cookie to form handle of cane.

5. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until set. Mix candy and sugar; immediately sprinkle over cookies. Remove from cookie sheet.

Makes about 5 1/2 dozen cookies.

*If using self-rising flour, omit baking powder and salt.

Note: Unbleached flour can be used in this recipe.

Festive Cookie Wreaths:

Substitute almond extract for the peppermint extract. Substitute green food color for the red. Roll ropes on sugared surface. After placing cookies on cookie sheet, shape each into a circle with ends meeting to form a wreath. Omit crushed candy-sugar topping. Press bits of red candied cherries into each wreath for holly berries.

Peppermint Twists

- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon red food coloring
- Non-stick cooking spray
- In a large bowl beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add milk, peppermint extract, vanilla

extract and egg; beat until smooth and creamy. Stir in flour and baking powder until thoroughly blended. Divide dough into halves. Add food coloring to one half the dough and blend thoroughly. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray baking sheet. For each twist, shape 1 teaspoon of each color dough into a 4 inch long rope by gently rolling between your palms or on a lightly floured surface. Place each rope side by side. Press together lightly and twist. Place two inches apart on baking sheets. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until under-sides are lightly browned. Makes about 6 dozen cookies.



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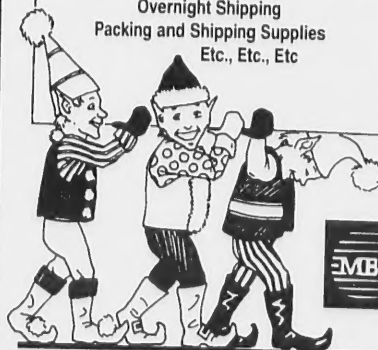


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As the reindeer rest up for their long journey, people prepare for the holidays ahead

Give children cute colorful footwear that are affordable and practical

This holiday season, you can give your youngsters gifts that will add some spring to their steps: Fun footwear accessories such as slippers, rainboots and shoe bags can be unique and affordable gifts likely to get a warm welcome.

To keep feet warm on cold mornings, there are slippers in a wide range of styles, including adorable animals and other popular characters. Make sure they feature skid-resistant bottoms for safety.

Bright rubber rainboots can please plenty of little puddle jumpers. While water resistant boots are good for snowy, winter days, waterproof boots will keep feet dry during April's showers. Rainboots should be lightweight, waterproof and comfortable. They look great with bright colored slickers.

Looking for a place where children can keep their favorite party or play shoes? Colorful shoe bags to hang on a closet door come in a variety of shapes and sizes. They can be a fun addition to

a child's room and a good way to teach children about putting things in the proper place.

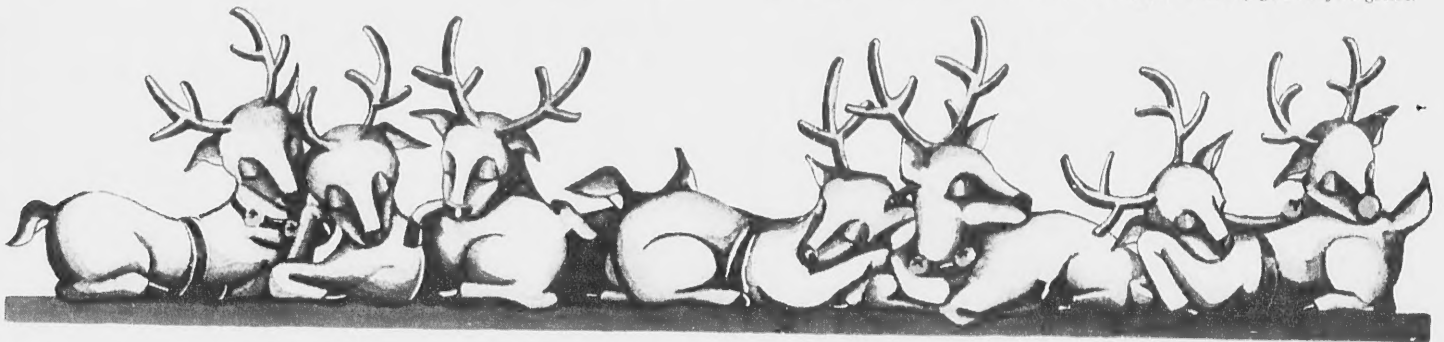
Whether slippers, boots or bags, there are plenty to choose from this season. Many parents find the best place to look for such items is in a shoe store such as Stride Rite that carries a full range of children's footwear. There, they say, you find a great selection and unbeatable service.

Prehistoric reptiles are more popular than ever, and Stride Rite offers a

full line of items featuring Dino Dave and his pal Dina, a duo of friendly, bright green dinosaurs.

Finding such fine gifts for youngsters' feet at local stores can help keep gift shopping from bringing you to your knees.

A couple of cute critters and friends in the form of shoe bags, slippers and rain boots can make great stocking stuffers and other inexpensive but enjoyable holiday gifts for youngsters.

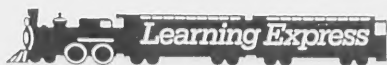


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Unique designer jewelry featured at Royal Jewelers

It seems like nearly every store out there is selling jewelry. A person can buy a washer and dryer and pick up a necklace all at the same location. But is that what people really want? In a day and age that consumers are becoming more and more aware of jewelry brand names and designer jewelry is becoming more popular, Royal Jewelers, 58 Main St., is the place to go.

Royal features many designer lines such as Carrera y Carrera, Steven Lagos, Quadrillion, Joseph Bevacqua and Jose Hess. Many designers are introducing their own brand names and designer lines of jewelry. The jewelry industry has recognized the work of these people since many of them are award winners.

A large number of the designers are world famous and Steven Leed, who owns Royal Jewelers with his mother, Sel, and sister, Paula, has chosen the best of those designers from the United States, Italy, France, Germany, and Spain.

The jewelry on display at Royal Jewelers is unique and beautiful. There is something to fit everyone's taste and style. One line, Asch/Grossbardt Inc., features jewelry that has a sort of mosaic pattern made from the use of malachite, jade, amethyst, mother-of-pearl, onyx and coral.

The Carrera y Carrera line of jewelry is sold in less than 30 stores in the United States. Royal Jewelers is proud to be able to feature this unique line. Each piece is cast and then hand-sculpted, which means that there are no two pieces that are exactly alike, according to Mr. Leed. The Carrera family, which has been making jewelry since the 1600's, works with gold and gold with precious stones. The line also features leather products that are made out of very soft leather and feature solid gold accents.

Royal also has a large selection of gold and enamel jewelry. The enamel look originated in Italy and was marketed by companies like Fidia and Gollie Moda.

"You don't need to be wealthy or super-wealthy to own a



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Steve Leed of Royal Jewelers holds necklace from a designer collection.

designer piece of jewelry," said Mr. Leed. "Our lines have a very broad price range and all of our pieces are value-priced."

A popular trend right now is remounting. People are taking diamonds out of settings that they have had for years putting them into new settings. "We have possibly the largest selection of mountings and they are available

with or without colored stones," said Mr. Leed. He is also proud to say that all remounting is done on the premises.

Mr. Leed also noted that platinum is "very hot right now." Customers are also seeking out pieces that combine white gold and yellow gold or white gold and sterling silver.

The write thing to do

If jewelry isn't the unique gift idea you've been looking for make sure to look at the wide selection of fine writing instruments that are available at Royal.

"Pens aren't only functional, but attractive as well," said Mr. Leed. "We have the nicest selection of pens from Mont Blanc, Waterman, Parker, DuPont and Cross."

"We have been fortunate to be chosen by Mont Blanc to offer their limited edition series of pens," said Mr. Leed. The series began four years ago and honors great writers such as Ernest Hemingway and Agatha Christie. This year's pen honors Oscar Wilde. The entire series is on display at Royal Jewelers and the Agatha Christie pen, which is very limited, is still available.

"Pens from this series make a wonderful investment. When the first pen in the collectible series came out four years ago it was available for \$1,600. It now sells for \$3,500," said Mr. Leed. "The unique styling makes these pens fun conversation pieces. Pens in this series currently start as low as \$350."

There are currently more than 200 pens on display at Royal Jewelers. "Pens make great gifts," said Mr. Leed. "Our pens are available in styles that include attractive, colorful lacquers and sterling silver."

As Christmas approaches rapidly, people are bound to find something at Royal Jewelers to satisfy the style and taste of that "someone special" on the gift list. And the best part is - you don't have to leave Andover.

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